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SUSSEX

The small attractive modern detached residence in a delightful position.

"SHEPHERDS BARN," BIRCH AVENUE, HAYWARDS HEATH.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, detached garage. Attractive garden. All main services. Vacant Possession. To be sold by Auction (unless previously sold) on Tuesday, March 18, 1952. Solicitors, Messrs. Kenneth Brown Baker Baker, Essex House, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.2. (Tel. Temple Bar 2871). Auctioneers, Messrs.

BRADLEY & VAUGHAN

Haywards Heath, Sussex. (Tel. 91)

KENT

Picturesque setting, 5 miles Canterbury. Most attractive detached Residence of character. 3 good bedrooms, bathroom, w.c., lounge, dining room, kitchen, flagged courtyard, 1/2 acre garden, main services. Freehold. Auction, April 16, 1952, or privately. Details:

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FOR SALE

Country Properties

BURNHAM, BUCKS. In exceptionally nice position overlooking golf course, 2 miles from station, 24 London. Gentleman's small modern Property, 4 bedrooms, 2 reception, usual offices. Garage. Recently redecorated. Attractive garden, about 1 1/2 acres. Freehold. Possession, £7,000.—Inspected and recommended. **ALDRIDGES**, Estate Office, William Road, Hampstead Road, N.W.1. Tel. EUS. 2352.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN. Detached modernised 1930s Cottage with possession, £4,000. Freehold.—Particulars from **ALFRED BOWER**, Estate Agent, Campden, Glos.

CO. GALWAY. At Connemara. Modernised Residence, 2 rec., 5 bed., 3 bath., central heating, 400 acres bog and mountain land; excellent fishing. £5,500 and fees.—Details from **HAMILTON & HAMILTON (ESTATES) LTD.**, 17, Dawson Street, Dublin.

COTSWOLDS. Lovely small Period Manor House, on village green, 1 mile Kingham main line station. Impeccable condition, 4-5 bedrooms, 2 bath., 3 reception. New Aga and Agamatic. Main electric light and water. Very large Garage. 1 acre old established walled garden and orchard. Immediate possession.—Box No. 5383.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. In prominent position, 1 1/2 miles Haywards Heath station. Detached double-fronted Cottage-style Residence. Dining room, lounge, small breakfast room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, h. and c., airing cupboard, separate bathroom, w.c. Electric light, power; gas; main water, drainage. Small garden, garage space. New fittings, decoration. Now vacant. First time on market. £3,250.—Tel.: Cuckfield 1.

DORSET. Blandford 2 miles. A very picturesque country cottage known as Shepherds Way, Pimperne. Detached, with about 1/2 acre ground. 4 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 reception rooms, study, kitchen, etc. Studio, garage, and other outbuildings. Modern conveniences and telephone. Offers on £3,000 considered for immediate sale by Private Treaty as owner leaving district. Will be auctioned at a later date, if unsold.—Sole Agents: **SQUIRES & BRICKELL**, Auctioneers, Blandford, Dorset. Tel.: Blandford 454.

DORSET. Detached Residence, 2 1/2 acres, grounds, tennis court, orchard, ornamental trees. Hall, 2 reception (23 ft. by 11 ft., 25 ft. by 11 ft.), 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (h. and c.), w.c., kitchen, scullery, larder, conservatory, garage. Approach pleasant drive. All electric, main water. 1/2 mile main line. Dorchester 6, Weymouth 8. Vacant possession. £6,250 freehold.—Box 5359.

EIRE. A Residence of character, situated amid beautiful scenery, while being only 6 miles from Dublin, with frequent bus service close to gate. The residence, built about 50 years ago by an eminent architect, has many unusual features, is non-basement, 3 sitting rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 dressing rooms, fitted cloakroom, bathroom, etc., and especially well equipped kitchen. Double garage and ample offices.—**JAMES H. NORTH** AND CO., Auctioneers, 110, Grafton Street, Dublin.

EIRE. Self-supporting Property. 90 miles Dublin. Moderate price for quick sale. Small Georgian house 5 bed., entirely modernised, mains elec. 85 acres, including valuable timber and turf bog, exceptional outbuildings, watermill. Box 5376.

FOR SALE—contd.

GUERNSEY, C.I. Income Tax 5s. 4d. No Death Duty. Statutory property dating from 16th century; modernised 1948. Skillfully divided into Four Separate Wings, three producing £550 per annum. The vacant wing has 4 bedrooms (2 h. and c.), 2 bathrooms, 3 toilets, 3 reception rooms (one 24 ft. by 16 ft. 6 in.). Beautiful grounds 2 acres. 3 garages; glasshouse, gardener's Cottage. Freehold. Price and particulars from **RUMSEY & RUMSEY**, Estate Agents, Bournemouth.

HOVE. Magnificent detached Residence in impeccable decorative condition. 4 beds., 3 rec., kitchen and luxurious bath., cloakroom. (On 2 floors only.) Garage. Attractive garden backing on to park. Public transport nearby. Freehold £8,500.—Apply: **KEITH CARDALE, GROVES & CO.**, 43, North Audley Street, W.1. MAY. 4631.

IRELAND. BATTERSBY & Co., Estate Agents (Est. 1815), F.A.I., Westmorland Street, Dublin. Sporting Properties and Residential Farms available sale or letting.

KENT. Picturesque quaint country cottage for sale. Immediate possession. 3 bedrooms. Price £3,950. Within 4 miles Sevenoaks. Tel.: Sevenoaks 4698, or Longspring Cottage, Gracious Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent.

KINGSWEAR, S. DEVON. A very desirable detached residence facing almost due South and commanding an excellent view of the River Dart. 2 rec., 5 bed. (h. and c.), dressing room, bath. Terraced garden. Approx. 1/2 acre. Garage. Mooring and good anchorage. £6,750 Freehold (open to offers). Full details: **WAYCOTT**, 5, Fleet Street, Torquay (Tel. 4333).

LYME REGIS. Detached Modern Residence in magnificent position overlooking sea and cliffs. Excellent locality. 2 large reception, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, domestic offices. Garden and grounds in good order, about 1 1/2 acres. Hard tennis court. Garage. All main services. Telephone. Freehold £8,500.—**A. PAUL & SON**, Lyme Regis.

MAIDENHEAD. On the banks of the Thames. Tudor style residence of character. Excellent order. Fine lounge, panelled dining room, bathroom, 3 bedrooms. Outside guest room. Lovely garden. Offers invited for the Freehold.—**WILTON, MEAD** AND CO., 3, High Street, Maidenhead, Berks.

NORTHANTS (4 miles Stamford). An attractive freehold stone-built and Collyweston Country House. 3 reception, 5 bed. Mains elec. Central heating, garage, stabling, outbuildings, walled garden and paddock, etc. For Sale with Vacant Possession.—Apply: **RICHARDSONS**, Land Agents, 15, Barn Hill, Stamford, Lincs. (Tel. 3315).

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK. 4 miles. Cambridge 9 miles. Very attractive Residence with 3 good reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, excellent offices with Aga cooker. Central heating. 2 garages and outbuildings, chauffeur's bungalow (built 1947). Delightful garden and paddock, 3 1/2 acres. The whole in excellent condition. Price £8,500.—**O. E. GRIFFITHS**, Estate Agents, Newmarket. Tel. 2055.

S. CORNWALL. At sacrifice price. Most attractively modernised Cottage (including polished cork floors) in Helford River area. Garage. Freehold.—**STOCKTON** AND **PLUMSTEAD**, Mawnan, Falmouth. Ref. 4083.

SOUTH HANTS. Select residential position. Attractive detached modern House, expensively decorated, 3 bed., 2 rec., kit., nicely fitted bathroom, h. and c., w.c., detached brick garage, pretty garden, services, low R.V. £4,250 Freehold.—**R. H. HARVEY**, F.A.L.P.A. Auctioneer, 5, The Corn Market, Romsey. Tel.: 3205.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX. A modern detached House with 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and scullery. Central heating, electricity, gas, main water. Vegetable and fruit garden in excellent order, accommodation for garage. Freehold, for Sale, £5,500. Vacant Possession.—Box 5382

WARWICKSHIRE. About 2 miles Rugby Midland Station. A charming modern Residence standing in own grounds of about 2 1/2 acres, containing 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, domestic offices. Main services. Central heating. Double garage, greenhouse. Very good condition. Possession on completion.—**WIGGINS & RUSSELL**, 14, Regent Place, Rugby (Tel. 2548).

WESTON-SUPER-MARE. In sheltered sunny position and enjoying panoramic views to the Mendips Hills, a distinctive detached modern Gentleman's Residence constructed of the attractive local stone and having: dining room, lounge, fully fitted cloakroom, 2 double, 3 single bedrooms. Sun balcony, etc. Outbuildings, garage for 2-3 cars and approx. 1/2 acre pleasure and kitchen gardens. For sale with Possession. Price only £5,750 Freehold. Highly recommended by the Agents: **LAUNDE BROS. AND PARHAM**, 18, The Boulevard, Weston-super-Mare, (Tel. 4500), and at Station Road, Weston-super-Mare (Tel. 6736); also at 64, Queens Road, Bristol, S (Tel. 21331).

FOR SALE—contd.

WEYBRIDGE. Freehold Period House Part C. 1720. 4 bedrooms (3 large), bathroom, 2 reception (22 ft. 6 in. x 15 ft. and 23 ft. by 27 ft.), hall, kitchen, brick garage and outbuildings, all main services. About 1/2 acre garden, mostly flowering shrubs and bush fruit trees. Green Line bus stop at gate. Convenient station.—Box 5377.

Town Houses

BELGRAVIA. Attractive Cottage on two floors only, with 4 beds., 2 bath., 2 rec., and garage. £6,000 for quick sale.—**C. Frank Morris**, 7, West Halkin Street, S.W.1. Tel.: SLO 8727.

BELGRAVE SQUARE (just off). Non-basement, dwarf House, 3 bed., 1 rec., bath, kitchen, garage. Lease approximately 33 years. Ground rent £50. £10,000.

KENSINGTON, W.8. Outstanding Regency House of charm and character; 8 bed., 4 bath., 3 rec., etc.; full central heating; lovely garden. Freehold, £20,000. **PETER JONES** (John Lewis & Co., Ltd.), 145, Sloane Street, S.W.1. Tel.: SLOane 3434.

CHELSEA. Period gem in superlative condition. Beautifully appointed. Facing south. View to river. Lounge hall, 2 rec., 5 bed., 2 luxurious bathrooms, usual domestic offices. Freehold. £13,500.—**WHELEN**, Auctioneer, 138a, Kings Road, S.W.3. Tel.: KEN. 9894.

OLD HAMPSTEAD. Near Heath and tube station. Charming non-basement bijou Period House, in excellent order; 3 bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, Freehold, £7,350.—Sole Agents: **POTTER**, 47, Heath Street, Hampstead N.W.3. Ham. 6075.

ESTATES AND FARMS FOR SALE

BANBURY—DAVENTRY AREA. 179 acres Mixed Farm with attractive Stone Built Manor House (5 bed., 3 rec.) main electricity; main water available; ample buildings; for sale with immediate possession. **POWELL & CO.**, 78, High Street, Lewes, Sussex.

DEVON'S NORTH COAST. Own beach! Farm-guesthouse. Marine-rural beauty spot. Immense possibilities. Home-stead; 8-10 rooms, T.T. buildings, 68 1/2 acres dairying-medium loan. Gravity water. (Guests? Catering? Chalets? Dairying?). No agents.—Box 5384.

IRELAND. Ideal Residential Farm. Co. Meath, 26 miles from Dublin. 336 acres of prime fattening lands. Excellent residence and farm buildings, requiring no outlay, all modern conveniences. For sale by private treaty.—Details and arrangements for inspection through Sole Agents, **GAVIN LOW, LTD.**, Auctioneers, 50, Prussia Street, Dublin.

NEAR EXETER. Beautiful Devonshire setting. Gentleman's Mixed Farming Estate. Attractive modernised period residence. 3-4 reception, 5 bed., 2 bath., etc. Smaller residence, good cottage, T.T. buildings, 235 acres (might divide), rough shooting.—**PETER SHERSTON** AND **WYLAN**, Sherborne (Tel. 61).

SURREY-SUSSEX BORDER. Small agricultural and residential property of 20 acres. Modern outbuildings with granary and loose boxes, also Dutch Barn, etc., etc. Well appointed modernised house of 4 bedrooms, central heating, main electric light and power, main water. Healthy situation. £10,590. Box 5387.

BUSINESSES AND HOTELS FOR SALE

DEVON COAST. Town Property for Sale, stables, garages, yard, living accommodation. Horses tack. Going concern, also House. All Freehold. Vacant Possession £5,000.—Box 5389.

SURREY (S. W. London); in ideal situation; well appointed Private Hotel, 28 bedrooms, 3 public rooms, staff quarters, gardens, garages, etc., including annex. As going concern. £22,000 Freehold. Apply: **PENNINGTONS**, 23 Quadrant, Richmond, Surrey. Tel.: Richmond 2255.

TO BE LET OR SOLD

COTSWOLD COUNTRY. The owner of a fine old Cotswold Manor is prepared to let or sell an "L"-shaped wing comprising 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, garage and about an acre of land. Stone-mullioned windows. Old porch. Cotswold stone roof with dormer windows. The whole in perfect condition. Price £6,000, or would let on lease, £250 per annum exclusive.—**W. HUGHES & SON**, 1, Unity Street, Bristol, 1. Tel. 20710.

EXCHANGE

MID-SUSSEX. Small Modern House, 45 mins. London, for Farm in same locality. Cash adjustment.—Box 5336.

WANTED

DORSET. Wanted, 30 miles Poole, 6 1/2 bed., 2 1/2 bath., one-man garden, cottage, land not objected to; facing south, high, good view; preferably modern.—**SPEXER**, Studland, Dorset.

SOUTHERN HALF OF ENGLAND. IF YOUR COUNTRY HOUSE is in the market (and in the southern half of England) it should be in the experienced hands of the SPECIALIST AGENTS: **F. L. MARCER** AND **CO.**, 40, Piccadilly, W.1 (Tel. REgent 2481). If brief particulars are sent (with price) they will inspect suitable properties WITHOUT CHARGE. Please quote C.L. in responding to this announcement.

SUSSEX and adjoining Counties up to 45 miles from London. House of character 5-7 beds., etc., and good farm about 150 acres, cottages, etc. Wanted for a client (no commission required), by **T. HAMMISTER** AND **CO.**, F.R.I.C.S., Market Place, Haywards Heath, Sussex (Tel. 607).

WANTED TO PURCHASE

ADVERTISER urgently requires to purchase very large Country Mansion, condition immaterial. Can do own repairs regardless of extent. Any district considered. Cash available. Immediate decision and settlement. Agents please note commission paid on completed transaction.—"Leasowes", 170, Wake Green Road, Birmingham 13.

DORSET (or very near). House 7-8 rooms and usual offices, with attested Farm from 20 to 50 acres; electricity.—Box 5371.

HOME COUNTIES (one hour from London). Required: House, 5 bed., 3 rec., about 15 acres.—Box 5375.

LARGE HOUSE wanted with grounds, suitable for girls' boarding school, to house 110. Counties of preference: Warwick, Oxford, Wores, Leics, S. Lincs, Notts.—Box 5363.

WANTED, essentially House of distinctive appeal, to buy within 10 acres or so (unlet). Minimum 5 beds. Central heat, cottage an asset or flat over double garage. South or west counties.—"Chief" WELLSLEY-SMITH, 17, Blagrove Street, Reading Tel. 2920.

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Furnished

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BEDDELEERT, North Wales. Furnished flat comprising lounge-dining room, 2 bed. with hand basins (h. and c.), bathroom and w.c. combined. Kitchenette, garage, excellent fishing available. Good climbing centre. Reasonable rent for long let.—**WILLIAM ADAMS & CO.**, F.A.I., 23, Temple Row, Birmingham 2.

CORNWALL. South Coast. To be let from March. Separate self-contained End of Country House. Furnished or part-furnished, with own entrance walled garden. Garage, stands in 25 acres sloping to the Fal estuary, boathouse, slipway, moorings available. On main bus route. Truro 5 miles. Falmouth 8 miles. Long lease considered.—**K. J. HOLMAN**, Portnewidden, St. Feock, near Truro, Cornwall.

MESSRS. R. HORNBY & CO., of the Estate Office, Cranleigh Parade, Sandstead (Sanderstead 2400), specialise in the letting of Furnished Flats and Houses in town, the suburbs or country (particularly Surrey). Clients wishing to let please communicate as above.

S.E. NORFOLK. To let furnished up to 2 years from April 1. Small House containing entrance hall, 2 main reception rooms, dining room, kitchen, scullery, domestic offices, 4 bedrooms, 2 dressing rooms, bathroom, etc. Small garden and paddock. Electric light, and water from own well.—Apply, **ESTATE OFFICE**, Loddon, Nr. Norwich.

Unfurnished

SURREY. Country flats with full service and catering Unfurnished, 35 mins. Victoria, lovely Georgian House, in own grounds. £250 to £500.—**SOUTHLANDS**, Tandridge, Oxted 1134.

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KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY

IN THE WEALD OF KENT

Bearsted Station $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Maidstone 4 miles. Ashford 18 miles. London 38 miles.

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A Valuable Market Garden and Stock Farm.

Comprising PERIOD FARMHOUSE, 2 reception rooms, 4 principal and 2 staff bedrooms, bathroom, office and domestic offices. Main electricity and water. Cesspool drainage.

Compact homestead with excellent farmbuildings.

2 MODERN COTTAGES

ABOUT 289 ACRES FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION



For Sale by Auction as a whole or in 2 lots at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, on Thursday, April 24, at 3 p.m. (unless previously sold).
Solicitors: Messrs. FIELDING & PEMBROOK, 62, Burgate, Canterbury, Kent.

Auctioneers: Messrs. GEERING & COLYER, Bank Chambers, Ashford, Kent, and Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY.

For private or commercial occupation.

SOUTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

A FINE OLD MOATED ELIZABETHAN FARM RESIDENCE IN 66 ACRES
(A further 325 acres are rented)

The RESIDENCE, containing 5 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and good domestic offices, is referred to in the South Bucks volume of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments. The property stands on both banks of a river, which feeds a moat surrounding the house.

An annexe forms 3 excellent flats.

All set in delightful formal gardens.

All services and central heating.

This unique Agricultural and Residential Property is offered For Sale Freehold with Vacant Possession as a whole (or with the residence and annexe only, together with the formal gardens bounded by the moat)

Owner's Joint Agents: Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 20, Hanover Square, W.1; and Messrs. HETHERINGTON & SECRETT, F.A.I., Estate Offices, Gerrards Cross (Tel. 2094 or 2510), and at Beaconsfield (Tel. 249) and Ealing, W.5.



The FARM BUILDINGS include 2 fine tithe barns (one converted for attested cowhouse for 40), modern piggeries for 500, Dutch barn, etc.

3 GOOD COTTAGES

The land has been well farmed and is divided into convenient, well-watered enclosures with long frontages to Parish Road and river.

Income from flats and 2 cottages let on monthly furnished tenancies and the fishing rights, £1,494 p.a.

50 MILES WEST OF LONDON

WELL-EQUIPPED MODERN RESIDENCE OCCUPYING A FINE POSITION 400 FT. UP, FACING SOUTH WITH PANORAMIC VIEWS

Hall, suite of reception rooms, 6 principal and 6 staff bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, nursery with bath, kitchen with Aga. Main electricity and water. Central heating. Modern drainage. Stabling.

Garages. Bothy.

12 COTTAGES

The gardens and grounds are laid out with skill and contain many fine trees.



Modern hard tennis court and squash court. Lawns, kitchen garden. Parkland. Beautiful dell of 5 acres with swimming pool. Woodland.

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THE WHOLE PROPERTY IS IN FIRST-CLASS ORDER

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3 reception rooms, loggia and sun room, 9 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and model domestic offices. Complete central heating. Main electricity and water. Septic tank drainage.

3 Cottages all with bathrooms.

Garage for 2. Delightful gardens and grounds with terrace. $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre lake, kitchen garden, paddock and woodland.

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With open views across to the Downs. Shrivenham Station (main London line) 2 miles. Faringdon 5 miles. Swindon 7 miles.

A gentleman's perfect small Agricultural and Residential Estate.

THE HOME FARM, SHRIVENHAM

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A CHARMING MODERN COTSWOLD HOUSE

3 reception rooms, 5 principal bed and dressing rooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 staff bedrooms. Compact, easily-run offices.

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Excellent garage accommodation and stabling. Delightful, simply planned gardens. Useful buildings.

3 superior farm cottages.

Good level lying and accessible pasture and arable enclosures, **IN ALL 128 ACRES**

A PAIR OF MODERN SEMI-DETACHED COTTAGES

FOR SALE BY AUCTION AS A WHOLE OR IN 2 LOTS (unless previously sold privately) at **THE GODDARD ARMS HOTEL, SWINDON**, on **MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1952.**

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY ARDAGH LODGE, CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA, IRELAND

A CHARMING FISHING LODGE ON ABOUT 7 ACRES

In a glorious setting, facing south-west. Telephone.

A house of character and charm, in excellent condition throughout and with every convenience. Hall, 3 reception, 4 bedrooms (all h. and c), maid's room, bathroom, 3 lavatories, kitchen, pantry, larder, etc. Basement with 2 rooms, cellar and cold store. Own electric (Petter engine), also pumps water. Garage (2 cars). Yard. Productive walled garden. Excellent private river, lough fishing, sea and brown trout, and salmon. Good Cottage.

Rates about £25. Fishing rate, £4/2/6.

FREEHOLD. PRICE £4,500 OR NEAR

Should appeal widely to sportsmen and we confidently recommend inspection.
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Oxford 19 miles. Cheltenham 22 miles.

Freehold, charming small Residential Property in a delightful riverside setting with over 1,000 yds. first-class trout-fishing in the Windrush.

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3 BATHROOMS

GARAGE BLOCK

(WOULD CONVERT TO COTTAGE)



Full particulars from the Auctioneers: JACKSON-STOPS (Cirencester), Castle Street, Cirencester. Tel. 334-5. Solicitors: Messrs. THOMAS MALLAM, GRIMSDALE & CO., 126, High Street, Oxford. Tel. 3989 and 3980. A Sale of the valuable contents will be held at a later date.

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AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS
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(3 lines)

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In a much favoured residential district with beautiful views over open unspoilt country; bus service nearby.

A LUXURIOUSLY APPOINTED AND DECORATED GEORGIAN MANOR HOUSE OF MEDIUM SIZE

8 BEDROOMS, 4 BATHROOMS, HALL AND 4 RECEPTION ROOMS (2 pine panelled)

Most up-to-date CENTRAL HEATING AND HOT-WATER INSTALLATION AND KITCHEN QUARTERS

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Excellent STABLING, GARAGE AND FLAT, BAILIFF'S HOUSE and 3 COTTAGES. All in first-class order.

Well timbered matured GROUNDS with walled kitchen garden.

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A CHARMING OLD GEORGIAN RESIDENCE

Beautifully situated on high ground with nice views.

5 MAIN BED AND DRESSING,
2 BATH AND 4 RECEPTION ROOMS,
STAFF ANNEXE OF 4 ROOMS



ALL MAIN SERVICES

STABLING, GARAGE AND OLD FARM BUILDINGS

DELIGHTFUL OLD-WORLD GARDENS AND GROUNDS, WALLED GARDEN, PARKLAND, LAKES, ETC.

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By direction of Mrs. A. M. Marted.

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"TOP MEADOW"—SANDHURST

Amidst beautiful country. Hawkhurst 4 miles. Robertsbridge 9 miles



An Attractive Modern House, close to bus service.

2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms (each with basin h. and c.), bathroom.

Garage with room over. Useful outbuildings.

Easily maintained garden.

ABOUT 1 ACRE

In addition there are 3 Cottages (let) situated close by.

For Sale by Auction as a whole or in two lots at the Castle Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, March 21, at 3 p.m. (unless previously sold).

Auctioneers: Messrs. BRACKETT & SONS, 27 & 29, High Street, Tunbridge Wells, and Messrs. KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY, 20, Hanover Square, W.1.

DORSET—SOMERSET—WILTS BORDERS

WITHIN EASY REACH OF MAIN LINE STATION.



Charming Period House in excellent decorative order.

3 reception rooms, 4 principal bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 servants' bedrooms, modern domestic offices. Central heating. Main electric light and water.

Garages for 3 with 3-ROOMED FLAT OVER

Stabling.

Attractive matured garden with lawns, kitchen garden and 2 greenhouses.

IN ALL ABOUT 3 ACRES. FOR SALE FREEHOLD

Further 22 acres (let) can be purchased if required.

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IN UNSPOILT HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE

CLOSE TO SEA



Attractive Old Period House in secluded position.

3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, modern kitchen with Aga. Gas, main electric light and water. Garage. Stable suitable for conversion to cottage. Attractive old-world garden.

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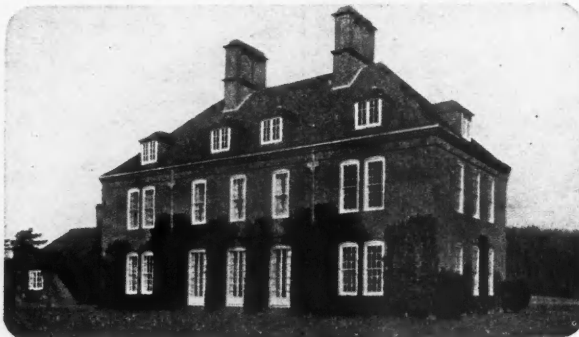
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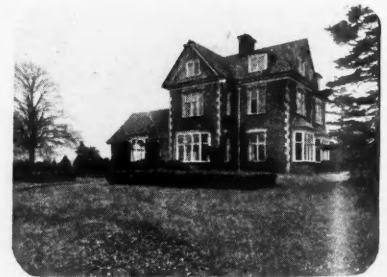
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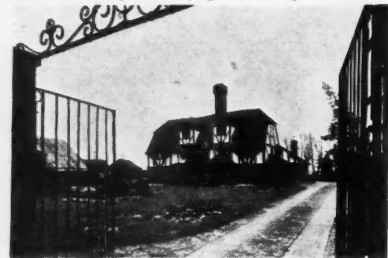
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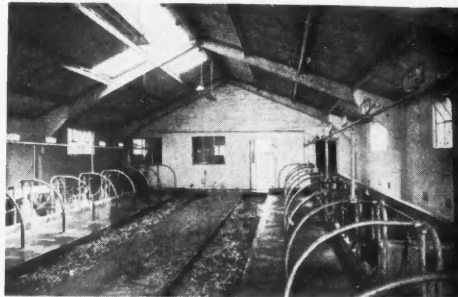
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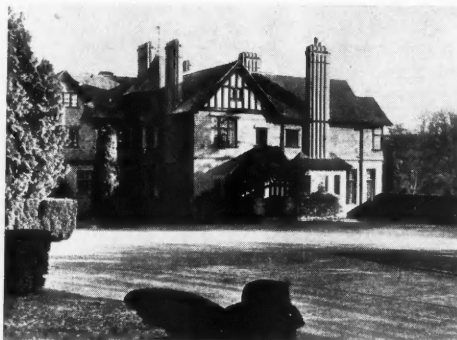
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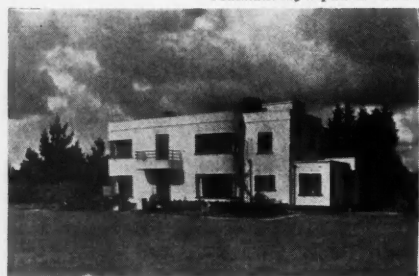
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in miniature parklike
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spacious rooms.
Skillfully converted from
the wing of a charming
country house of long, low
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In perfect condition, maple
parquet floors and every
modern comfort.
Entrance hall and cloak-
room, 2 reception rooms,
3 bedrooms, well-equipped
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Matured garden with pond and wood.

ABOUT 1½ ACRES

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Handy for Bath and Bristol.

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WITH CENTRAL HEATING AND MAIN SERVICES.
Close to Downside Abbey and school.

ON 2 FLOORS

4 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

Ample garage accommodation.

4-roomed bungalow cottage.

Partly walled gardens with tennis court; orchard, small
wood and paddock.

2½ ACRES

Owner has let self-contained furnished suites and
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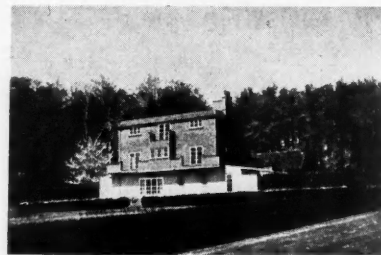
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Particularly charming

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Erected for present owner in 1925.

Well planned on 2 floors only.

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ALL MAIN SERVICES. 2 GARAGES

Well laid out gardens inexpensive to maintain. En-tout-
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IN ALL ABOUT 1 ACRE

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Facing south, with magnificent views.

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Main drainage.

GARAGE.

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Attractive well-planned

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2 bathrooms. Games room on top floor.

MAIN ELECTRICITY AND POWER

Company's gas and water. Main drainage.

GARAGE

Well stocked gardens with pretty brook, greenhouse with
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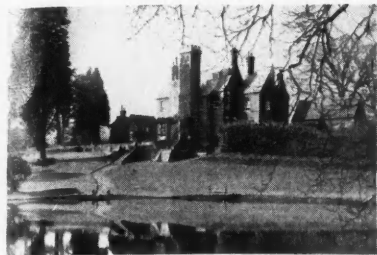
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ALL MAIN SERVICES
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PRICE £9,750

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THIS CHARMING REPRODUCTION OLD-WORLD COTTAGE

having oak flooring to all principal rooms on ground floor.

Comprising:

3 BEDROOMS,

BATHROOM,

2 RECEPTION ROOMS,

labour-saving kitchen.

GARAGE

and well maintained garden.



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3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 reception rooms, well-fitted kitchen. Integral garage.

MAIN ELECTRICITY
AND WATER

Modern drainage.

Delightful walled garden comprising lawn, rose and flower beds, small orchard,

ABOUT ½ ACRE
in all



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Reputed to be over 400 years old.

Carefully modernised and in excellent decorative order.

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HANNAFORE

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GARAGE

ALL MAIN SERVICES

Well laid out garden of

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Vacant Possession.



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"FOREST HOUSE,"

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MAIN SERVICES

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Large garage.

Pretty well stocked garden

of OVER 1 ACRE

Vacant Possession.

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modernised and in good order.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 reception rooms, kitchen and offices.

LARGE GARAGE

Main electricity, gas and water.

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in all about 22 ACRES

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STONE-BUILT RESIDENCE

having excellent accommodation. Suitable for modernisation.

4 bedrooms, 1 with bath; square hall, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, scullery. Garage.

MAIN ELECTRICITY

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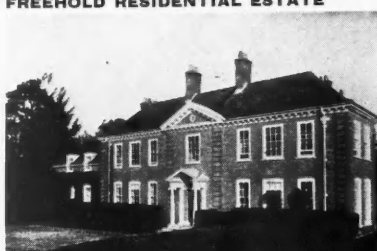
Estate water. Private gas lighting. Part central heating. Beautiful pleasure grounds. Arable lands. Woodlands.

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Main water. Electricity.

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Hall, 3 sitting rooms, 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, excellent offices.

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WITH ATTRACTIVE, COMPLETELY LABOUR-
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Main electricity and power. Co.'s water. Septic tank drainage. Garage and stabling. Gardens, orchard and meadow of ABOUT 12 ACRES

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Property in beautiful order.

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CO.'S WATER

MAIN ELECTRICITY AND POWER

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Simple gardens and about

46 ACRES

VERY REASONABLE PRICE FOR
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VACANT POSSESSION

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 8 principal bed and dressing rooms, 3 bathrooms, 4 reception rooms. Main services.
 4 flats and cottage.

Excellent garage and stabling. Beautiful timbered park.

2 FARMS

13 FURTHER COTTAGES

Extensive woodland.

IN ALL ABOUT 538 ACRES

FREEHOLD

Mainly with Possession, as a whole or in Lots.

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MODERN DRAINAGE
GAS AVAILABLE

The property enjoys
complete seclusion,
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PASTURELAND of
10 ACRES

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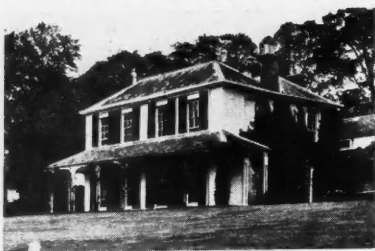
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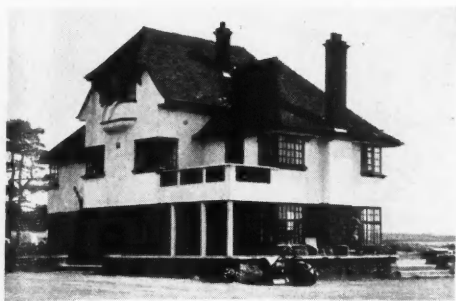
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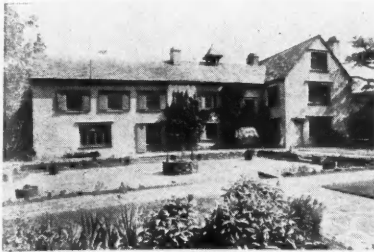
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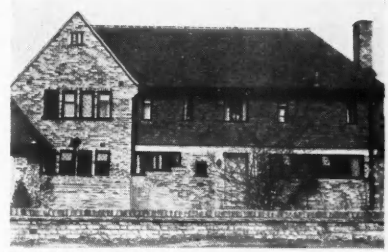
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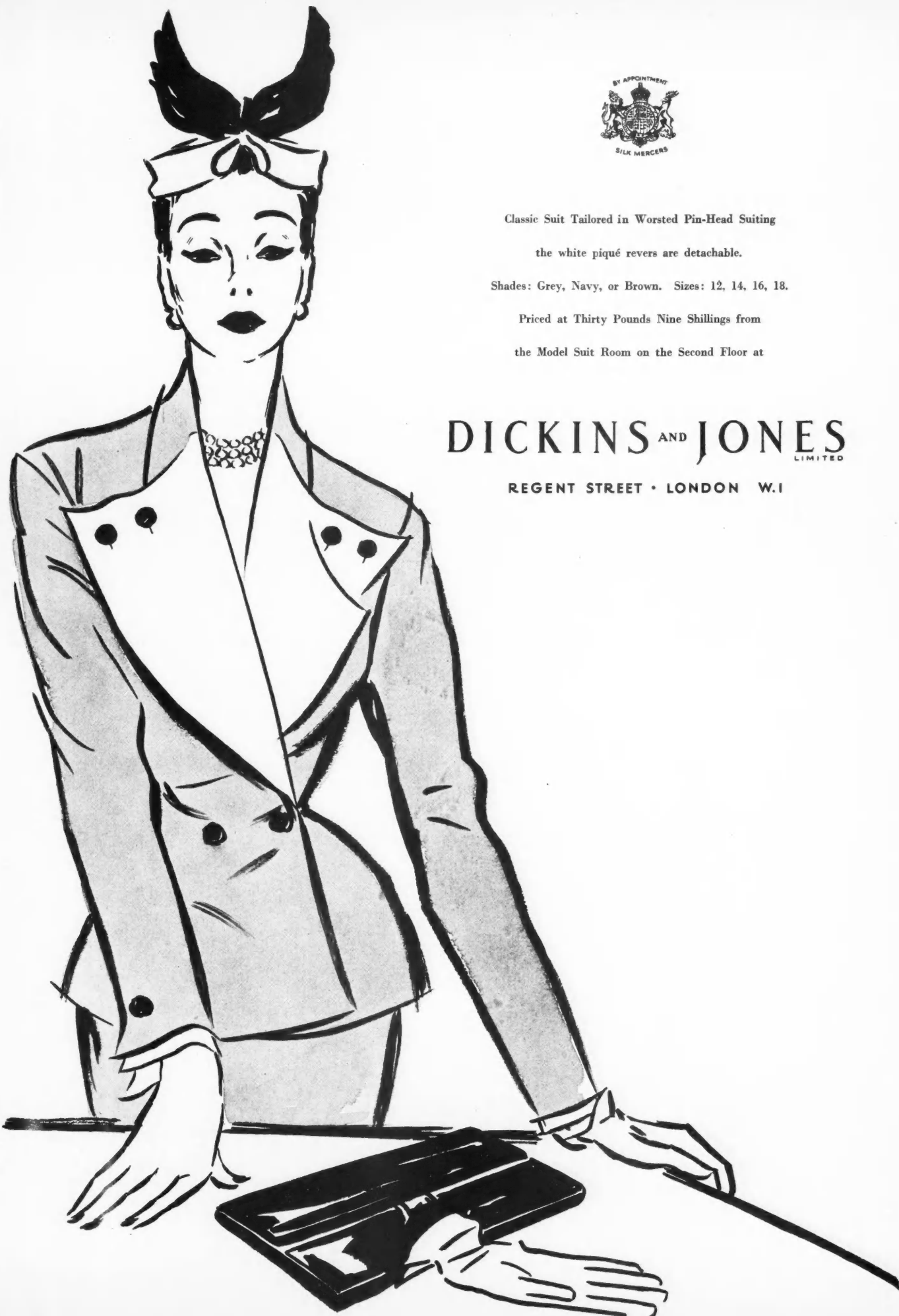
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The Hon. Mrs. Ralph Mansfield, whose marriage to the Hon. Ralph Geoffrey Knyvet Mansfield, younger son of Lord and Lady Sandhurst, of Fairways, Worlington, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, took place recently, is the daughter of the late Mr. J. M. C. Duffus and of Mrs. Duffus, of the Mansion House, Claverhouse, near Dundee

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOIL

EVER since Lawes, more than a century ago, began to apply scientific method to the investigation of plant nutrition this country has led the world in such research; and to-day's Director of Lawes's Experimental Station at Rothamsted was the obvious choice when it came to selecting a scientist to deliver the Fernhurst Lecture to the Royal Society of Arts on the subject of modern developments in soil science. Sir William Ogg had much to announce in the way of progress from the Rothamsted fields and laboratories, but it would have been less than natural had he, remembering his own many years of soil survey work, first in the United States and afterwards in Scotland, found nothing to say about national and international arrangements for classifying and mapping soils on a generally accepted basis. A comprehensive world system of classification is no doubt still a dream of the future, but meanwhile the results of the national surveys already in progress—the headquarters of the English Survey is at Rothamsted—are proving of great value in aiding field experiments and solving siting problems in both horticulture and forestry.

What of recent individual advances in soil knowledge? In commenting the other day on reports from America of the discovery of a new synthetic aid to soil improvement, we referred to the researches of J. H. Quastel and D. M. Webley, who, working on a Rothamsted soil, have found that the addition of the soluble salts of alginic acid—a high-molecular colloidal complex occurring in seaweeds—improves aeration, water-holding power and crumb stability. In recording these investigations Sir William pointed out that the mechanism by which all such synthetic organic compounds stabilise soil crumbs is still obscure and emphasised the need for extensive testing in the field to establish the conditions under which they might be used. They will, he suggested, probably find their first application in glasshouse and garden soils, or in other special circumstances where the cost of treatment is not so important.

Another group of problems of universal importance are connected with excess or deficiency of water in the soil. Drainage is still an art rather than a science, and it is almost disturbing to be told that in the course of research work at Cambridge E. C. Childs has evolved "an interesting mathematical treatment of the problem" which may enable engineers to calculate from the physical characteristics of a soil at what depth, and distance apart, tile drains should be laid. Two other problems of interest to all farmers involve the worthwhileness of hoeing and deep ploughing. A great deal of hoeing—and it consumes a great deal of labour—is done in the belief that the loose surface layer produced checks the evaporation of moisture. It has now been shown,

according to Sir William Ogg, that hoeing and other surface cultivations, though of great value in killing weeds, are more apt to damage the roots of the crops than anything else. As for deep ploughing, experiments carried out by E. W. Russell at Rothamsted and other centres show again that, though the deeper ploughing—12-14 inches as against 6-7 inches—helps to control weeds, it does not otherwise affect crop yields at all.

Recent advances have been made, Sir William stated, in dealing with injurious soil organisms, but he asked that in considering the use of insecticides proper attention should be given to their possible effect on soil micro-organisms and to the risk of tainting the crops. This refers particularly to the wireworm. No remedy has yet been found for ground badly infested by the parasitic eelworm. It can still be kept in check only by practising suitable rotations. Naturally there is still much to be learnt about the behaviour of fertilisers, and radio-active tracer elements are being used in

THE HARE IN MARCH WOODS

WHEN the nut-boles stood in row
White with wounds new-flashed and bare,
Came between them lopping slow,
Stopping still to sniff and stare,
Big and buff and bold, a hare.
With its nose wide to the wind
As its ears to air behind,
It burned in vital brightness there.
But a crackle underfoot!—
Lithe, upstanding, tall with fear,
Still, as if itself had root,
It became; and then it sprung
Out, and dancing on the air
Light as winged went up among
Narrowing tree-trunks, till at last,
Twinkling yet of fire between,
It was quenched among their green
Lower branches. Where it passed
Leaves still stirred, it went so fast.

ANTHONY RYE.

modern research to obtain a more accurate picture of the uptake of plant nutrients. The fascinating study of the micro-nutrients, those elements of which the merest trace, or the lack of it, may have magical effects on plant and animal nutrition, is proceeding apace, and it has now been shown that, whereas lack of a trace of boron can be responsible for more than a score of physiological plant diseases, deficiency in available manganese gives rise to "grey speck" in oats, "marsh spot" in peas and "speckled yellows" in sugar-beet. Only a few years ago such diagnoses were undreamt of.

THE AIR WE BREATHE

IT is well known that the air in and around industrial centres becomes polluted with various chemicals, the commonest and most abundant of which is sulphur dioxide, and that this pollution sometimes causes severe damage to plants. It has, however, been assumed until recently that, if no scorching or other leaf injury is visible, there is no adverse effect on growth. Perhaps this was never anything more than a case of wishful thinking. At all events, this rather comforting belief must now be abandoned, for, in a series of experiments carried out by Mr. J. K. A. Bleasdale, of the Department of Botany at Manchester University, it has been shown to be false. Ryegrass was used for these experiments—and it is a grass which will stand up to bad atmospheric conditions better than most. Yet plants which were grown in the air of a Manchester suburb, air which contained far less sulphur dioxide than would be required to cause leaf damage, were notably stunted by comparison with others grown in really pure air. It may well be that the stunting was due not to sulphur dioxide but to some other unidentified chemical, but the important point is that it occurred in an area not regarded as heavily polluted and one, in fact, which is a favoured residential district. If the air there has such a marked effect upon comparatively tough plants, can anyone feel sure that it does not have at least an equally serious effect on more sensitive

human beings? At least the Manchester experiments give an added urgency to the need for more effective methods of control against pollution of the air we breathe.

£5 AN ACRE

FARMERS are showing a ready response to the ploughing-up grant and already many fields that would have stayed in grass have been ploughed since February 5 and sown for this year's harvest. However farmers may criticise subsidies and prefer to rely on fair prices for the final product, this £5 an acre is producing the desired immediate effects on many farms. Given reasonable luck with the weather, there will be an extra heavy crop of barley, mostly no better than feeding quality, to be taken on Government account by the compounders who make pig and poultry rations. Will there be facilities for handling the extra corn, much of it coming off combine harvesters in late August and September? The present Government is unlikely to put up any more State-owned grain silos equipped to dry damp corn. More of the provender mills now have facilities and more farmers and merchants are providing themselves with drying and storing capacity. But the acute problem arises during a week or two at the peak of harvest when it is impossible to move all the corn immediately to drying plant. Every farmer who owns a combine harvester ought to have at least a winnowing machine to dress out green stuff so that he can store part of his crop for a few days without grave risk of the grain's heating and spoiling.

POACHING IN AFRICA

IT is clear from the latest annual report of the Uganda Game and Fisheries Department that, in spite of strong official discouragement, the poaching of big game is still rife in many parts of the Protectorate. The high prices paid for ivory and leopard skins and the heavy native demand for meat have persuaded a good many poachers, some of whom operate with the tacit approval of the local chiefs, that the risks of being detected and incurring a comparatively small fine are well worth running. One unfortunate result of this indiscriminate hunting, which is carried on to a large extent with stolen .303 rifles and locally made shotguns, is that a good many beasts are merely wounded and escape. Naturally their tempers are not thereby improved, and a number of accidents to natives engaged in legal hunting are thought to have been caused by game, in particular elephant, maddened by a previous wound. Damage to crops forms the burden of the natives' charge against elephant, but occasionally they are accused of less usual crimes: in one district several were alleged to have got in among a herd of goats and started killing them, and in another a couple wrecked a water pump, apparently in an attempt to reach the water. Walking in elephant country appears to be a hazardous business, for a native who had the misfortune to run into a lone elephant on a path through the bush was literally flattened out.

FROM SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT

THERE are few better-known figures in the world of golf than Major Whitley Lavarack the secretary of the English Golfing Union, and none who spreads around him a friendlier or pleasanter atmosphere. He is one of those who escape notice in getting a great deal of hard work done because they do it with such unvarying cheerfulness. He has now been doing it for 21 years, and the occasion was marked at this year's Council meeting by the presentation to him of a handsome cheque and to Mrs. Lavarack, who has been his constant companion and helper on all championship occasions, of a gold wrist watch. It is sad to know that he has now set a term to his secretaryship, since he will retire on Christmas Day, 1953, his seventieth birthday, but in 1954 he will rise to the greater and perhaps more otiose dignity of President of the Union. That he will be as popular and efficient in that office as he is in his present one is certain, for he has the great power of getting things done without unnecessary fuss and absolute inability to make enemies.



THE LYCH-GATE, KILVERSTONE CHURCH, NORFOLK

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A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By
Major C. S. JARVIS

A YOUNG Army officer who is serving with his battalion in Trieste was recently horrified to discover that bird-liming for warblers, finches and other small migratory birds is a common practice among the inhabitants of Southern Europe. He tells me that when on platoon training recently he saw that some Italians had set up on the edge of an old sand quarry several large bushes, which they had cut for the purpose, and that on these they had lodged many small twigs smeared with bird-lime. Immediately a bird alighted on one of these its feet or wings stuck to the gluey preparation, and the twig, with the bird attached to it, fell to the ground. Then an Italian on watch would run forward and, if the bird was reasonably free from bird-lime, it was put in one of several cages that were placed beneath the bushes, where its call notes would attract others. If, however, it was in a very sticky condition, it was killed by being thrown to the ground and was then placed in a bag for sale later.

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MY correspondent states that the men in his platoon were so disgusted at the sight of this wanton killing of small birds that, when the morning's training ceased for the mid-day break at 1 p.m., they made a special request that they might march back to the sand quarry to eat their packed luncheons there. This request being granted, they sat down among the bushes, and stayed there for an hour, driving off every passing migrant that showed any intention of alighting on them. The Italian bird-catchers fumed and cursed, shouting that they would go and fetch the commandant, which only caused roars of laughter from the troops, and I gather that after this much of the platoon training took place, in the interests of the passing migrants, in the vicinity of the old sand quarry.

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THIS wholesale slaughter of small birds, which is still practised around Trieste, was introduced into Egypt by Italian settlers many

years ago, and extensive bird-liming was carried out along the coast between Alexandria and Port Said during the autumn every year. In the migratory season, which starts at the beginning of September and carries on until November, countless thousands of small birds cross the Mediterranean from Europe to Egypt. Among them may be mentioned the chiffchaff, most of the warblers, several varieties of wagtail, greenfinches, chaffinches, flycatchers, redstarts and some members of the shrike family, together with a few blackbirds.

These weary migrants are in the last stages of exhaustion when they arrive after their long journey across the Mediterranean, and so alight in the first bush that they see near the shore. Since the greater part of this coastline is semi-desert, except for some groves of lofty date palms that have no appeal as roosting sites for small birds, they settle at once in the rows of bird-limed branches, which have been put into position during the night in anticipation of their arrival, so that the numbers caught every morning are very considerable. Later in the day hawkers are to be seen in the streets of all the towns selling these small birds, the local name for which is *beccafine* and which, when roasted on spits, are regarded as a delicacy by the local population. I believe that the Egyptian Government have now passed a law prohibiting the use of bird-lime and the *beccafine* trade, but it is a moot point if the police of that country to-day can find time to enforce this order.

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THE method employed on these desert coasts to catch another regular migrant, the quail, is similar in some ways, since advantage is also taken of the lack of cover for which a weary bird looks when it is in need of rest. The quail-catchers erect on a stretch of barren shore a series of small hides made from scrub bushes that they have collected from a more fertile

part of the desert, and these are so contrived that there is a small entrance on the northern side and another and slightly larger one on the southern side. The tired quail alight immediately they reach the shore, and at once take cover in these convenient brushwood hides, which they enter through the northern opening which faces the sea. When they set forth at dawn the following morning to continue their migration, they fly out through the southern gap and become entangled in a small net draped loosely over it.

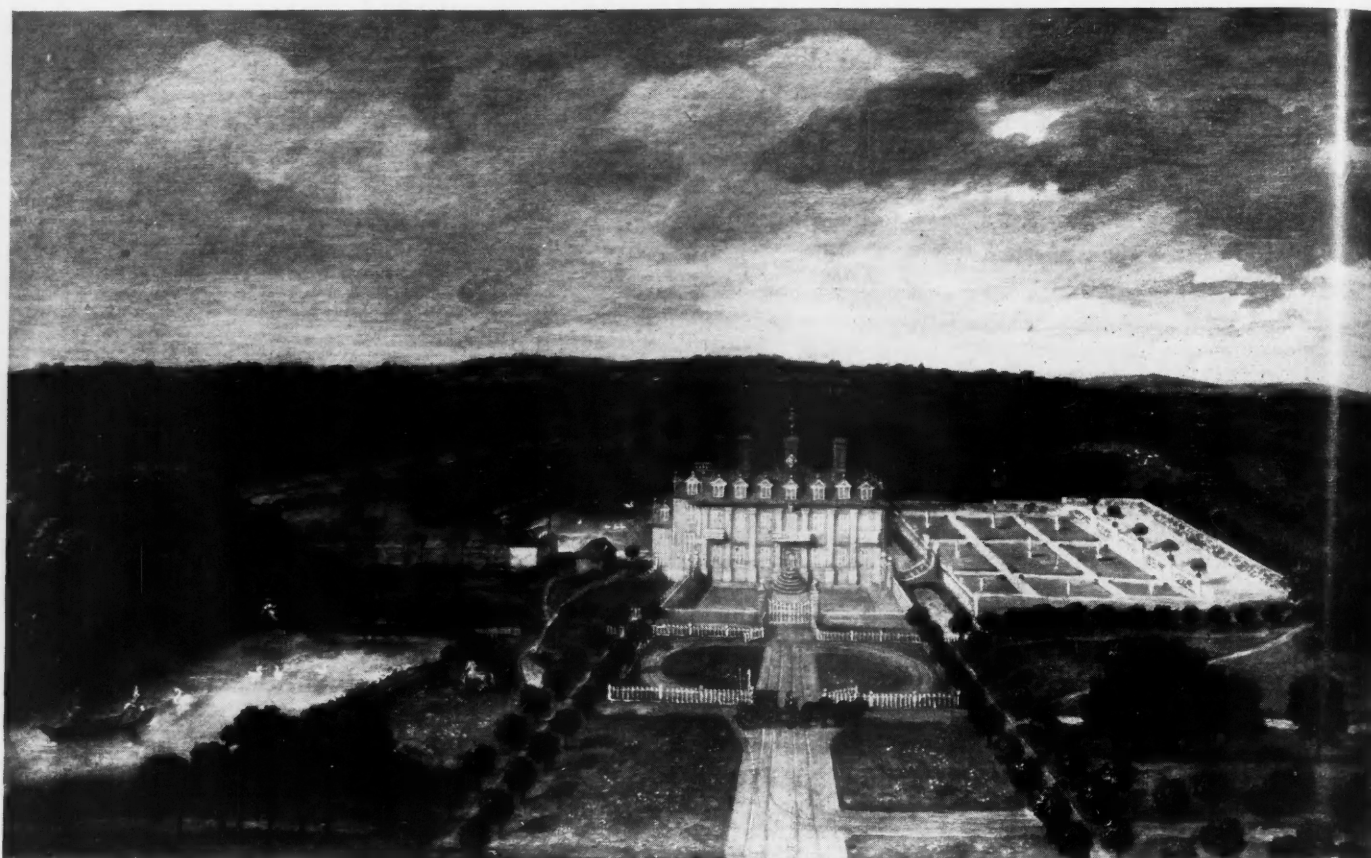
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THE disgust shown by the young National Serviceman and the men of his command at the use of bird-lime, a preparation of which they had never heard previously, is a reminder of the extent to which our attitude towards birds has altered of recent years. In my boyhood days bird-lime was used extensively in this country for the catching of larks, linnets, goldfinches and thrushes, which were afterwards sold as cage birds, and apparently it occurred to few people of that generation that there was any suggestion of cruelty in this practice. Bird-lime was considered to be a quite efficient method of catching small songsters, and the great mass of the population could see nothing wrong with the keeping of larks, linnets and finches in small cages, since the fact that they sang daily was considered proof that they were thoroughly enjoying their imprisoned existence.

I have a recollection of a series of articles that appeared in a paper that almost every boy read in those days which described the best methods to be adopted for the catching of small birds by means of bird-lime, and also gave a recipe for the making of the sticky preparation, which the writer of the article stated could be carried out by the reader in the home kitchen. I imagine that this undertaking might have caused some parental resentment, but this would have been due to the cook's complaint about the state of her kitchen stove and the condition of the saucepan after the concoction had been brewed, and not to the cruelty involved in the use of bird-lime.

OLD HOUSES BY OLD PAINTERS

By COLONEL M. H. GRANT



1.—BAYHALL, KENT, A SEAT OF THE LORDS AMHERST IN CAROLEAN TIMES: BY JAN SIBERECHTS

“THE stately homes of England”: the line has become a cliché, and one with a somewhat bitter lilt in these days, when many of these homes are being abandoned, desecrated, or levelled and their “tall ancestral trees” felled for conversion into utility furniture. But how the old painters loved them and throve by them, when every squire commissioned a view of his mansion to hang with the portraits of himself and his forbears, commemorating thus both the outside and the inside of his property. Many of these old places

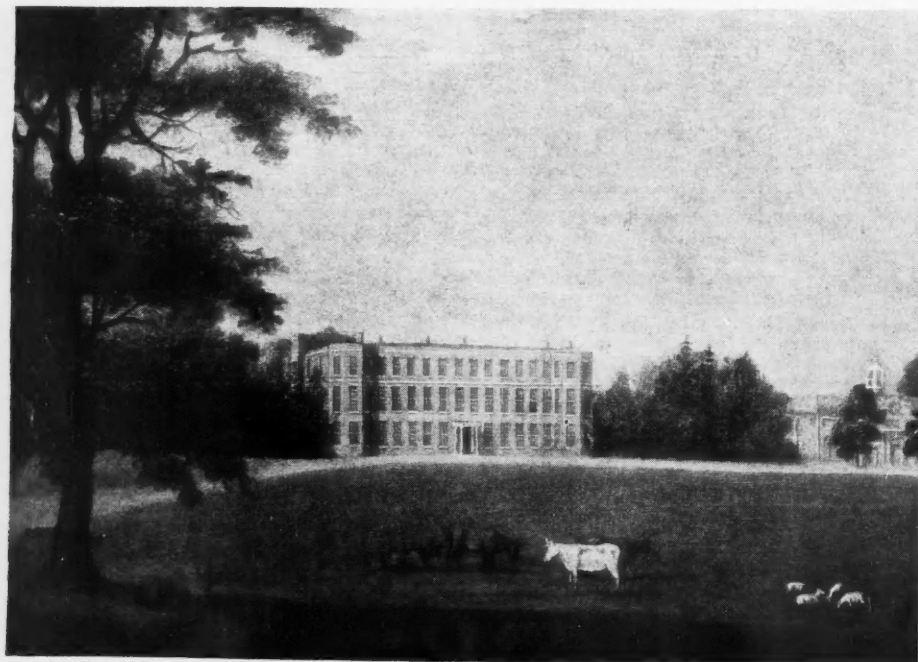
have vanished long ago, for this is not the first and only era of iconoclasm; many as yet survive, none the less noble in fabric because their soul is lost by conversion into schools or offices.

Of the former, for instance, Bayhall, in Kent, the beautifully sited original home of the Lords Amherst in Carolean times (Fig. 1), disappeared early in the 18th century, and only its likeness survives, done by that meticulous old Dutchman, Jan Siberechts (1625-1703), whose careful clarity made him immediately popular with the grandees of Coombe Wells, Longleat,

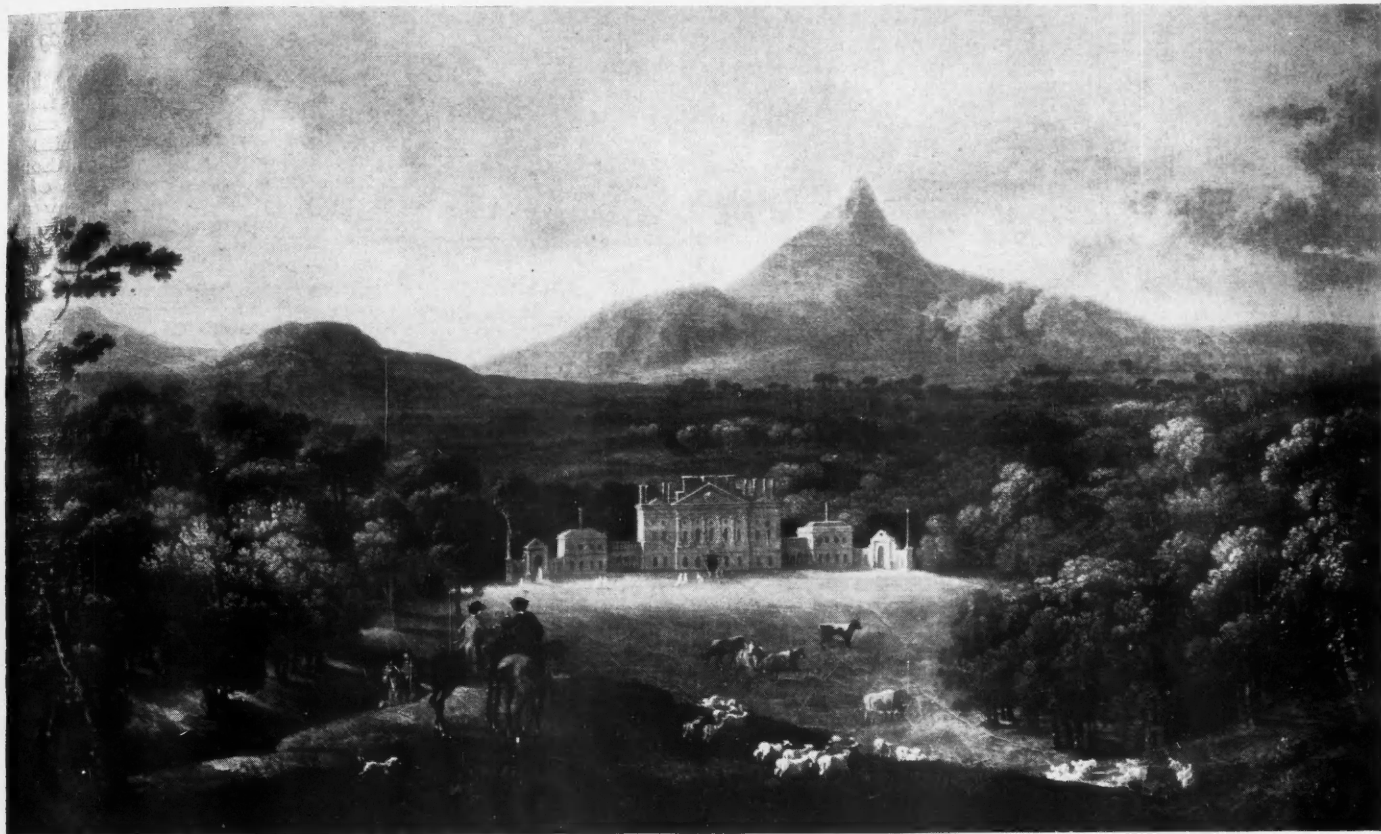
Cliveden, Burton Constable, Chatsworth and others, all rewarding them and him for work well and truly done. The Amhersts themselves did not remove far, only to near-by Montreal, leaving behind a memento of their presence at Bayhall in a Lady Amhersts's Drive, still, I believe, in existence.

Gone, too, is grave old Hemsted, another Kentish manor house (Fig. 2), brooding in the Wealds from the time of Henry III to 1860, when Lord Cranbrook replaced its decaying fragments by the ornate mansion now existing. Robert de Hemsted built it, and thereafter its succession of owners was James de Etchyngham (temp: Edward III), Sir Robert Belknap (Chief Justice to Richard II) and William de Guildforde (Henry VIII), whose son or grandson entertained Queen Elizabeth there so successfully that she rewarded him with a baronetcy. In 1718 Sir Robert sold the place to Admiral Sir John Norris, from whom it was acquired by Thomas Hallett Hodges in 1786, passing from him to Gathorne Hardy, first Lord Cranbrook, who demolished it and transferred its site. The painter is John George Wood (d. 1838), whose noble folio of views of mansions is a stand-by of social and topographical historians; Hemsted, indeed, provides an illustration to the volume.

In the adjoining county, Sussex, stood Brambletye (Fig. 5), a storied mansion indeed, linked with many of the noble families of the county and beyond it. A Compton of Compton Wynyates (Sir Henry, 1631) built this place, and his arms are visible over the central door; his wife was a daughter of the Duke of Dorset, of near-by Knole, and his mother a Spencer of Althorp, and among his kinsmen were the Earls De La Warr and the Marquesses Camden, whose heraldry, too, is scattered about the building. Sir James Richards, in the suite of Henrietta Maria, who acquired the house in the reign of Charles II, has left no trace, for his tenure was hastily ended by his flight to Spain from a charge of treason preferred by that maniac of suspicion, James II. The ancient fabric is seen to be almost in ruins when James



2.—HEMSTED, KENT, DEMOLISHED ABOUT 1860: BY JOHN GEORGE WOOD



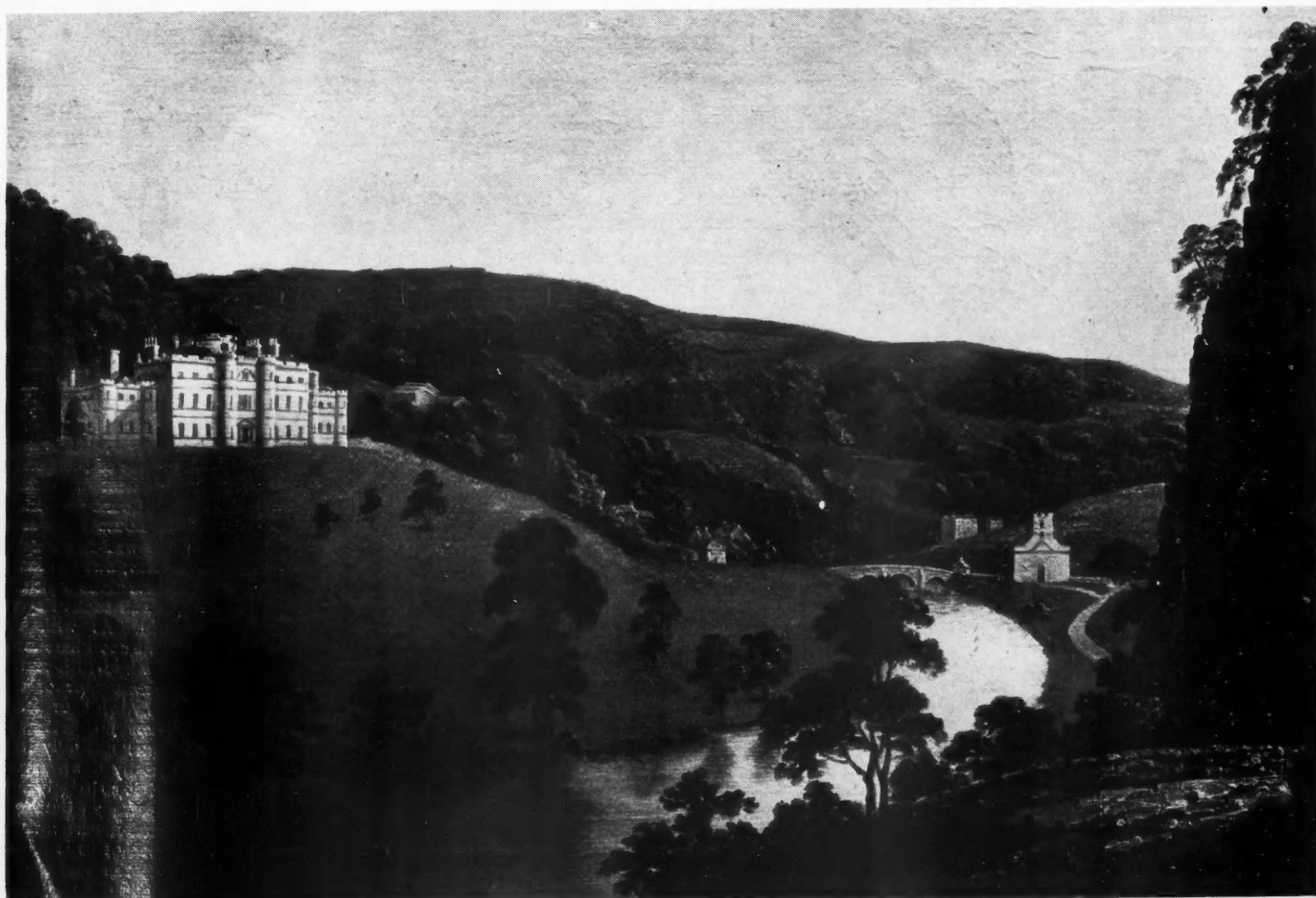
3.—POWERSCOURT, COUNTY WICKLOW, WITH SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN BEYOND: BY THOMAS ROBERTS

Lambert, Junior (1742-99), depicted it in 1773, carefully adding the "Junior" to his signature to preserve his identity from that of a father of almost identical technique.

J. S. Fletcher wrote of Heath Hall, near Wakefield (Fig. 6): "there are few finer

examples of Elizabethan Architecture in England." The house dates from about 1560, and became the residence of the Greens, baronets, possibly through the Ironsides of Wakefield, a daughter of whom married into the family. In this picture, almost his only essay in pure land-

scape, Henry Singleton (1766-1839), the well-known historical, dramatic and sentimental painter, gives us a distant view of Wakefield Bridge, with its superincumbent chapel; but his hero is the Old Hall itself, and since Singleton is known to have been visiting there in 1799,



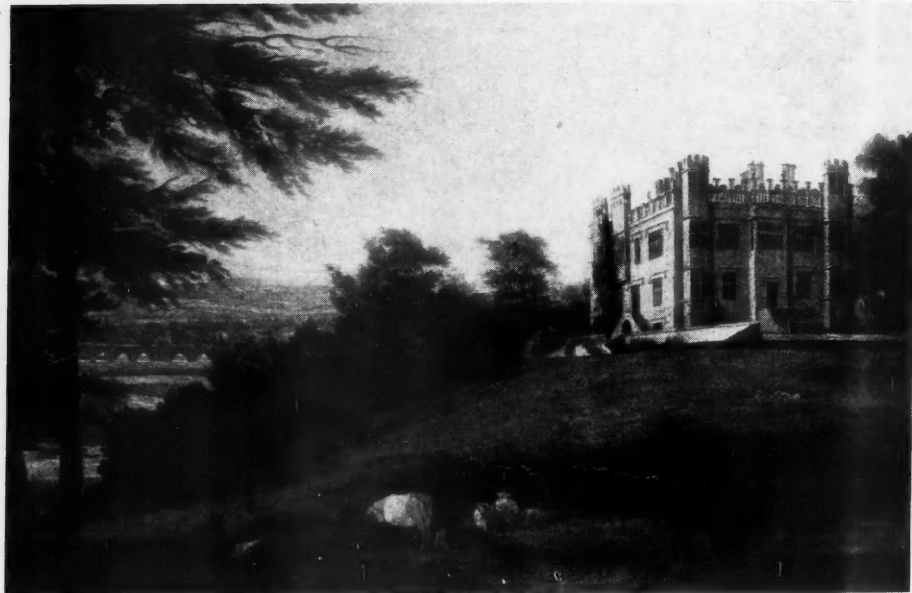
4.—WILLERSLEY CASTLE, DERBYSHIRE, BUILT BY SIR RICHARD ARKWRIGHT: BY JOSEPH WRIGHT OF DERBY



5.—BRAMBLETYE, SUSSEX, BUILT BY SIR HENRY COMPTON: BY JAMES LAMBERT, JUNIOR

this is probably the date of his dignified piece of work.

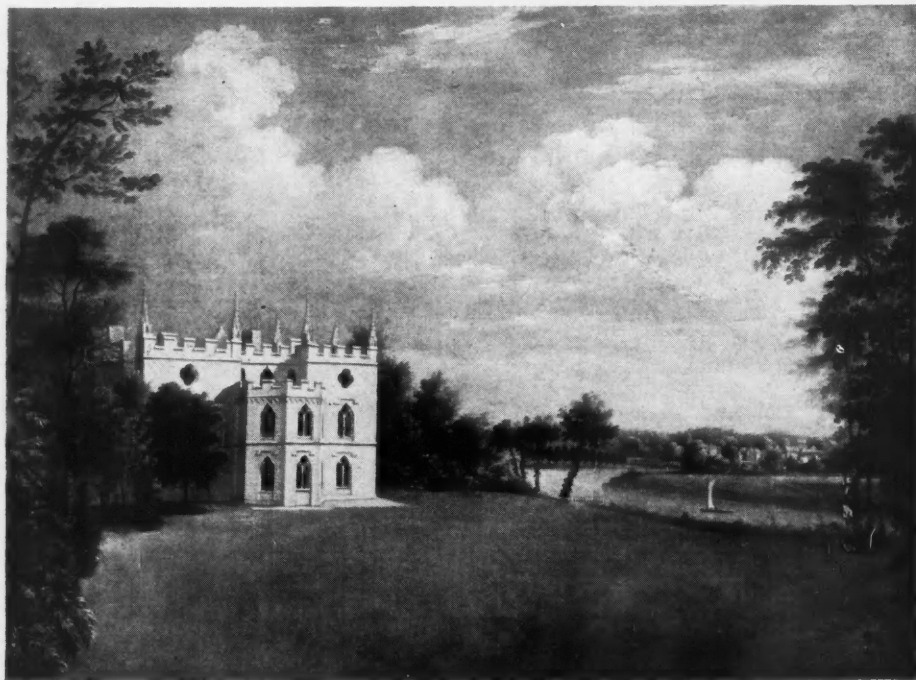
Of Strawberry Hill, at Twickenham, Horace Walpole's eccentric *bijou*, little need be said. The freak itself is famous or infamous according to architectural likes and dislikes. But as to its interest there can be no question, so notable was its contriver and so magnificent the collection of antiques with which he filled it, the dispersal of which occupied that flamboyant auctioneer, George Robins, 24 days in 1842. Almost as curious as the building was the depicter of it, J. H. Muntz, a resident henchman of Walpole until dismissed for some amorous misdemeanour by his misogynistic, or at any rate misogynistic, employer. Muntz was a specialist in encaustic painting, a kind of atrocity as fashionable and as frightful as the poker-work of the day, and he rarely dealt in legitimate painting. That he was "no slouch" at it, as Mark Twain said of Michelangelo, is evident from his drawing and colouring, which were equal to those of any of the practitioners in gentlemen's seats of his day; he



6.—HEATH HALL, YORKSHIRE, WITH A DISTANT VIEW OF WAKEFIELD BRIDGE: BY HENRY SINGLETON

their inhabitants and of posterity. "Painting will die out," said Reynolds in a moment of despondency. Must he be answered in an *argot* of to-day: "Sir Joshua, how right you are"?

Let me conclude, however, on a more cheerful note with a view of one of the finest of mansions set in one of the fairest demesnes in Europe: Powerscourt, in County Wicklow (Fig. 3). Not so much the house itself as its lovely neighbouring cascade was the frequent subject for peripatetic painters; but the former is a thing of beauty too, its site alone a pictorial masterpiece, set in verdure and backed by the shapely Sugarloaf Mountain. As with Willersley, local talent was called upon here in the person of Thomas Roberts, a mid-18th-century Irishman. The lord of the manor of that time, one of the Richards, third or fourth viscount, could have chosen no better, for Roberts, as also his son, was not only Irish, but was imbued to the core by the beauty of his native land, and painted it so Irishly as to confute Whistler's idiotic apothegm that "you might as well talk of national mathematics as national painting." But none of us is wise all the time, and the falsity of the statement is demonstrated by the fact that the nationality of a picture is usually discernible from the far end of a gallery.



7.—STRAWBERRY HILL: BY HORACE WALPOLE'S PROTÉGÉ, J. H. MUNTZ

THE HABITS OF CENTIPEDES

By C. N. BUZZARD

DO naturalists, I wonder, feel such repugnance towards the study of *Myriapoda*, the class of animals which includes those somewhat unsavoury looking specimens, centipedes and millepedes, that these seem to attract less attention in their literature than do insects and arachnids? Or is it, perhaps, because such multi-footed "creepy-crawlers," lurkers in the dark, are of little use to mankind? A centipede, indeed, may kill a few obnoxious insects, but some of the millepedes (the wire-worms, for instance) are actually destructive to plant life.

There are many insects which I admire and like, and spiders, with very few exceptions, are not antipathetic to me, but I am still trying to overcome an intense aversion to centipedes, a dislike which dates from an incident which occurred to me many years ago. Sleeping on a verandah, on a hot steamy night, in the Far East, I was awakened by a feeling that some creature was running up one of my legs under my pyjamas. In the Far East one does not hesitate on such occasions. Leaping from my bed, I contrived with my hand to sweep the intruder off my leg. It was a centipede, four or five inches long, and unpleasantly flat and broad. Fortunately, I was quick enough to prevent the creature nipping me with the poisonous claws which headed its procession of feet. I escaped with a slight irritation on my thigh—footmarks, I presume. Since that long-distant date I have seen many varieties in China, India, North Africa, Cyprus, and the South of France. My impression is that their size increases the farther one goes East. But I am quite prepared to learn that even the largest I have seen may be mere pigmies compared with the myriapods to be found up the Amazon or in Central Africa.

But here, at home, in Berkshire, I find many small centipedes, and a few millepedes, living near our greenhouse under stones or in and under flower-pots. Some day, perhaps, I shall keep a few under observation, just to try to get to like them, but for the present, in spite of my dislike, I am fascinated by seeing them depicted in books. Unfortunately, there are not enough of them. The most comprehensive account I have read occurs in the Cambridge Natural History, in a treatise written by F. G. Sinclair, who either sacrificed himself in the cause of science or really enjoyed collecting such creatures and keeping them, almost as pets.

The accepted classification of myriapods has rather disappointed me. I had thought that such of the *Myriapoda* as had approximately 100 legs would be labelled centipedes (*Chilopoda*) and that those which had two or three hundred or more would be called millepedes (*Chilognatha*). Not at all! Centipedes, for instance, often have about 40 legs, but some species have as many as 300 and more, while many of the millepedes have much fewer than the best-footed centipedes. The main difference structurally in the two groups is that in the *Chilopoda* each segment of the body has only one pair of legs, while in the *Chilognatha* there may be either one or two pairs. Centipedes, too, have flat bodies, while those of millepedes are more or less cylindrical.

But the characters and habits of the two orders differ greatly. The centipede is a highly voracious animal, living on insects and worms, whereas millepedes are vegetarians. F. G. Sinclair describes how he fed his centipedes on a diet of live bluebottles and worms. They were less interested in butcher's meat. The particular species which he watched was a *Lithobius*, quite common in Great Britain and elsewhere, and he describes how this centipede would crawl up to a bluebottle and give it one pinch with its claws; the fly was immediately killed, "as though struck by lightning." The same procedure killed a worm.

Many species of centipedes are poorly provided with eyes, and some are blind, but the absence of the organs does not appear to cramp their style, for, using their very sensitive antennae, they catch their insects without difficulty. Is it possible that they may be equipped with some form of radar, as are bats?

The poison claws in a centipede are what

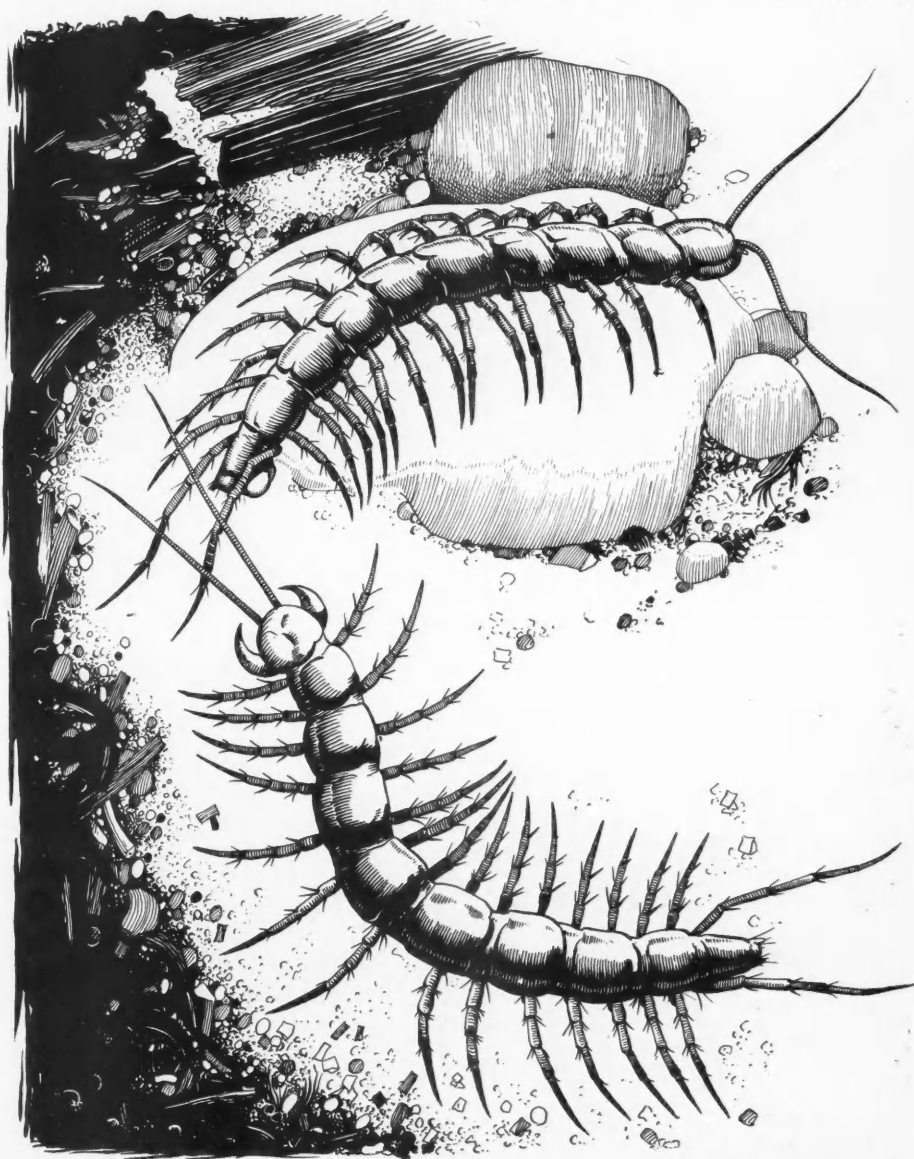
appear to be its leading pair of legs. In the Tropics the bite of the larger species may cause considerable suffering, and, indeed, according to some reports, death.

Millepedes have no such poison claws. Their only mode of defence consists of the ejection of a peculiarly offensive liquid from certain glands which are glorified by the grandiose appellation *Stigmata repugnatoria* or *Glandulae odoriferae*, but which, I understand, are called by learned scientists, when off duty, by a less erudite but equally expressive title, stink glands. The fluid is said by Sinclair to have a very unpleasant odour, and to contain prussic acid. The same authority tells us that to keep a millepede in captivity one should feed it with sliced apples and grass. I should imagine that, as a pet, a millepede would be much more docile and accommodating than a centipede, and, moreover, does not move so fast. Sinclair describes how Professor Ray Lancaster, whom I remember as a fascinating narrator with a fund of humorous stories, tried to find out how such creatures as centipedes and millepedes walked and in what order they moved their feet. This was before the days of slow-motion cinemas, and he gave it up, but came to the conclusion that if the creature itself thought about it at all, it would be quite unable to walk! Since those days the cinema has revealed that the creatures move one foot after another in regular sequence.

But it is the matrimonial affairs of the centipede *Lithobius* which make it so interesting.

The female is provided with two small hooks near the end of the under surface of her body, near the oviduct. Sinclair apparently was the first to discover the use of these appendages. He was able to watch one of these centipedes laying an egg. After some "convulsive movements of the body," which lasted about ten minutes, the egg appeared, "a small sphere about the size of a No. 5 shot" and covered with a sticky slime secreted by glands. As will be seen, this sticky substance is important. The mother immediately seizes the egg with her pair of hooks, and runs off to some dark corner, far from her husband, who presumably is generally present on these occasions. It appears that the father has an irresistible passion for eating eggs. If father centipede sees the egg, he goes for it and eats it. Mother's flight is then essential for the continuance of the race. Once safe in hiding, she uses the hooks already mentioned to roll the egg round and round until it is completely covered with earth, which sticks to it owing to the viscous glandular substance with which it is coated. The result, we are told, is a little ball of mud, difficult to distinguish from the surrounding earth. The mother then abandons it, fully confident that father will not recognise the inconspicuous pellet of soil as containing the succulent embryo of his future child.

But what a strange device by nature for the encouragement of survival on earth of this species of centipede! One wonders, perhaps sympathetically, how often father gets his egg.



FEMALE AND (below) MALE CENTIPEDES OF THE GENUS *LITHOBIUS*. The female carries her egg, between two hooks near the end of her body, to a dark corner and hides it from the male, which would otherwise eat it. Scraperboard drawing by J. Yunge Bateman

AROUND THE STRANG FIORD

Written and Illustrated by GUY PRIEST

WHEN the Norse invaders came to Ireland during the 8th and 9th centuries rowing their long galleys into the sea loughs thrust like gleaming sword-blades into the irregular coast, their mission was to pillage and plunder. Afterwards their departure was frequently as swift as their invasion, and left in its wake a scorched and ravaged land and an early Christian people riven and bewildered by the sudden onslaught. But though those ancient scars have for the most part healed long since, smoothed from the fair face of the land by time, even as the tides erased the keel-marks of the long boats from the sandy shores, yet the memory of the Norsemen lives on in the names they left, perhaps the most famous of all being the Strang Fiord.

A map of Ireland will show you the Ards Peninsula, easternmost portion of Co. Down, curving southwards like a lobster-claw from Belfast Lough to meet a shorter claw extending upwards from the Mourne Mountains and enclosing in its wide sweep a tongue of water covering some 25,775 acres (Irish plantation measure). This tidal lough enters the sea below Portaferry, where its rapid ebb and flow through the Narrows, frequently exceeding seven knots, is a clue to its name, which signifies the Violent Inlet. And so to this day it is known and respected, even by hardened old salts whose boats have traversed its waters for generations; for down the centuries countless vessels have foundered here, and each year the tides still take their toll, particularly in a whirlpool called the Routing Wheel.

From Newtown of the Ards at its northern end to Strangford at the Narrows is said to measure 13 Irish miles—a measurement which for a long time has been the subject of jest owing to its peculiar elasticity. It has, however, a grim basis in fact, for the Irish mile was originally evolved by the English and Scottish planters of the 16th and 17th centuries, who deliberately exceeded the statute mile when measuring out the properties assigned to them—thus 11 Irish miles equals 14 English miles. From the ferry crossing at Strangford to the rocks at the bar the waters of the lough flow something in excess of another three miles.

These rocks, on one of which, Angus Rock, there now stands a lighthouse, are marked on



STRANGFORD LOUGH AND SOME OF ITS MANY ISLANDS

an 18th-century map as Anguish Rocks, a name which seems likely to have had a poignant basis in reality, for many seamen have perished there, their vessels capsizing and foundering within sight, but beyond help, of onlookers on the shore. Four hundred million tons of green water pour twice each day through that deep, seething strait.

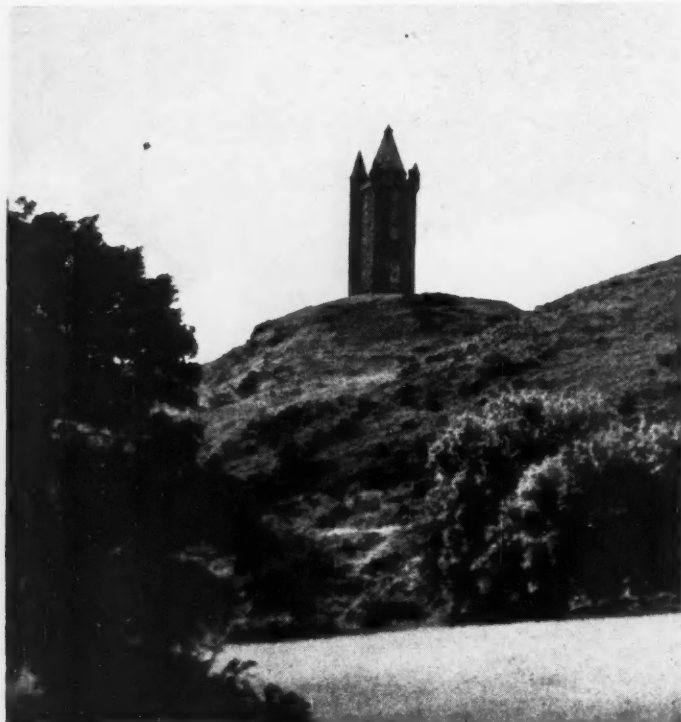
A trip on a ferryboat across the Narrows at half-water vividly illustrates the rapid run of the tide there. Standing on the quay at Portaferry and watching one of these deep-draught, clinker-built, sturdy craft some 20 ft. in length and powered by a kerosene motor, chugging her way across the ebbing tide, one is astonished to see her, as she reaches mid-channel, apparently drifting seawards at an alarming pace. This sight might well deter a nervous passenger from embarking at all. But although the element of risk is always present, and in order to navigate the crossing boats have to beat a considerable distance up-river before entering the main flow of the tide, this excessive drift is partially an optical illusion due to the

swift flow of the water against stationary objects on the opposite shore.

The ferry service has for centuries remained the only link between the barony of Great, or Upper, Ards, and that of Lecale, which contains Downpatrick and Saul. In the latter, in 432, St. Patrick founded the first church in Ireland, the place deriving its name from the humble *sabhal*, or barn. To-day a memorial church stands on this historic place, approached between twin rows of Irish yews standing straight and strangely dark upon the hill-side.

Looking northward from Saul, along the length of Strangford's shining water, which, according to ancient annalists, was formed some 2,000 years before the advent of Christianity here by an inundation of the sea over the lands of Brena to which they gave the name Loch Cuan (the Harbour Lake), one sees on a distant hill-top a tower raised like a dark finger against the sky. This also is a memorial, but to a personage of much later period: the 3rd Marquess of Londonderry, soldier and statesman.

The hill of Scrabo (the Sward of the Cows),



SCRABO HILL, SURMOUNTED BY ITS TOWER OF BLACK, VOLCANIC ROCK, AND (right) GOATS ON SCRABO HILL WITH THE BROAD SPREAD OF CO. DOWN BELOW

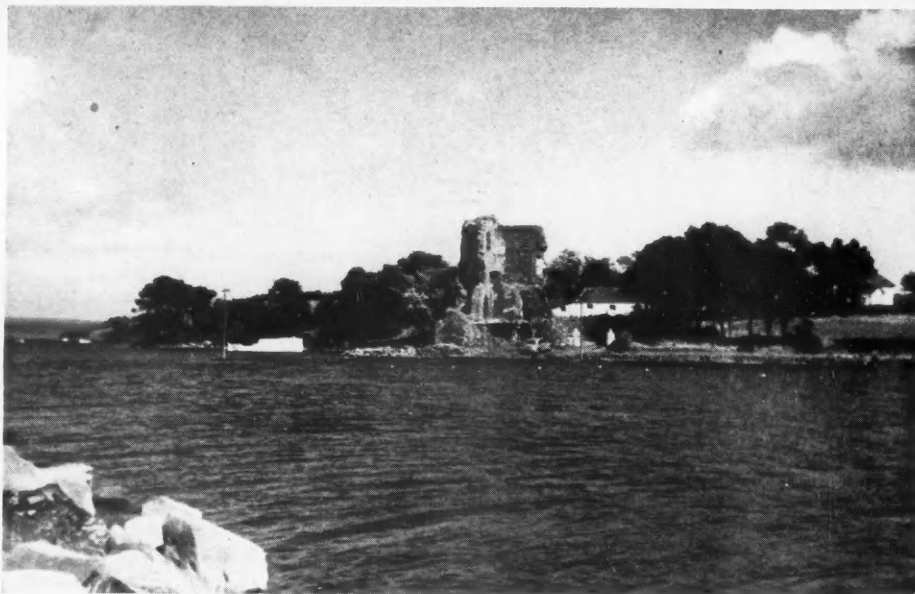
upon which the tower of local black volcanic rock was erected in 1858, rises only some 538 ft. above the lough, yet the view from the summit embraces the whole of Co. Down from the Mourne Mountains along the southern horizon to Belfast and its lough, and much of Co. Antrim beyond; as well as the distant coast of Scotland.

This bird's-eye view, from the topmost storey of the tower, also gives one the sight of Strangford Lough and its many islands. In many shadings of dun and olive to bright emerald, the islands lie in blue water, too numerous to count, yet by tradition said to number 366—one for each day of the year, and two for Easter Sunday. Incidentally, a similar claim is made for several other Irish loughs, notably Lough Erne (the Lake of the Morning Star) in Co. Fermanagh. But whether or not this is mere picturesque fancy, as some consider the legend of Shane Macananty, king of the northern fairies, who is said to dwell on Scrabo Hill, the islands that bear names number several score, and the smaller ones down to mere rocks uncovered at low water are bewildering in their profusion. These names ring like a peal of fairy bells: the isles of Little Swan, Big Swan, Goose, Hare, Jackdaw, Shark, Wren, Horse, Salt, Hogge, Roe, Chapel and Castle, to mention but a few. The larger islands, some of several acres in extent, are farmed or grazed, access to many being gained only by boat, though in one or two cases there are stone causeways from the mainland uncovered at low water.

On several of the islands are ruins of Norman castles, that on Sketrick being in a better state of preservation than most, its tower still presenting a formidable aspect at the head of the landward shingle bank which the waters submerge twice each day. In the 18th century the grazing on this island was noted for fattening lean, and restoring distempered, horses, and to-day the sheep and cattle produced hereabouts are some of the best in Ireland.

There are many historic remains to be found on the islands, one of the most noteworthy being the ruins of the Celtic monastery of Noendruim (the Nine Ridges), on Inis Mochaoi, or Mahee Island, named after St. Mochoe, a disciple of St. Patrick, who was the first abbot. On others a fragment of Norman masonry by bridge or ford brings an echo from the past, though to-day on a summer's morning only the sweet cries of marsh birds and the sibilance of the wind among tall rushes break the silence.

Above all else this is a quiet and restful country, where roads leading to the shore are narrow and winding, through tiny half-forgotten hamlets where white walls gleam beneath occasional brows of thatch; where swallows glide all day above smooth, sky-reflecting waters, and linnets bathe deliciously in pools beside quays that never again will know the chafing of ships' timbers. Botanist, archaeologist, entomologist,



THE REMAINS OF A NORMAN CASTLE ON SKETRICK ISLAND. At low water a causeway of stones joins the island to the mainland

ornithologist, each will find this a rewarding countryside to explore; as also the yachtsman and wild-fowler, to whom its particular charms have long been no secret.

At White Rock, below Killinchy, the Strangford Lough Yacht Club has its headquarters, and, lying at anchor there, trim and neat, or threading their way like white birds among the green islands, you will find many a 14-footer or sturdy little sea-going yacht. To a sailing man whose home reaches are the narrow waters of the Cam, the Ouse and others between Cambridge and the Wash, this is a yachtsman's paradise. Here are narrow channels to test one's seamanship, in which to luff and tack between rock and shore; islands to navigate as in some boyhood's dream with Robert Louis Stevenson or Richard Jefferies; and broad reaches where to run before the wind is the nearest thing to heaven that a man may know.

Blue water and blue sky and the wind from the mountains; the "flack-flack" of wavelets on the bow of the boat; white sails spread and burgee aflutter; the song of the halliards; and the salt spray on one's lips! And always overhead and rivalling the little boats for charm and grace, terns and gulls flutter and glide, "yacker" and "scrabble," their discordant cries wild with the beauty of the sea and the sky.

The birds of Strangford are as varied as the landscape, for here are to be found most of those species that the marshman and the wild-

fowler love: geese, duck and waders whose voices in the dawn light or after sunset, carrying far across salt marsh and sandbank, bring to the heart that indefinable nostalgia and loveliness that are the essential essence of lonely places.

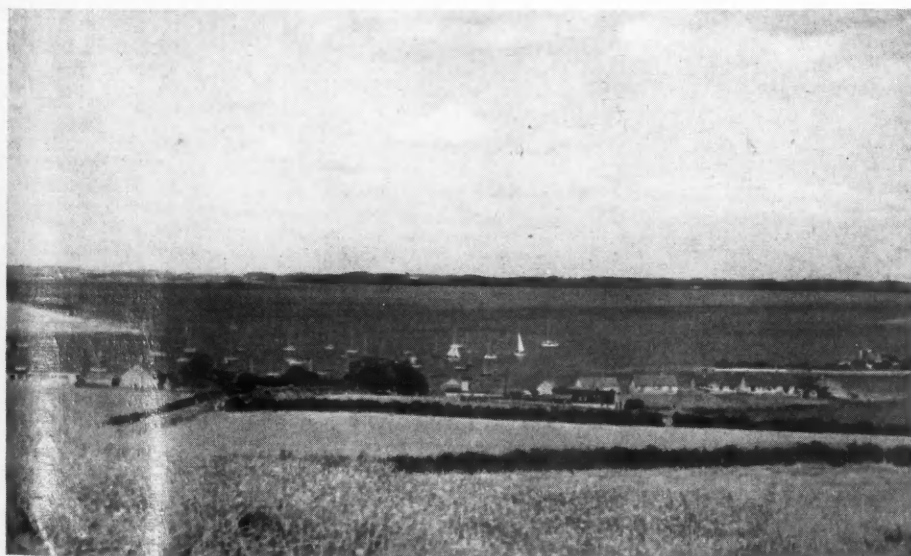
At ebb-tide under the moon, when broad acres of marsh and mud-flat stretch away to the lapsing water's marge, and the many streams that flow to the lough are ribbons of quicksilver in gut and creak, the night is alive with a thousand voices. Curlew, oyster-catcher, redshank, dunlin, ringed plover and a host of others are fighting to their feeding-grounds uncovered by the tide, the whistle and trill and bubble-link of their calling filling the air like a cadence of silver bells. Among dark rocks glistening with bladder-weed, which in centuries past was burned to form kelp to be spread upon and enrich the soil, dark forms with crescent bills can be seen stalking their prey.

An unwary movement, a nailed shoe rasping on a rock, and many wings are beating the air. A harsh, raucous sound, like an old man clearing his throat, then that familiar husky treble, emerging into the liquid bubble-link of notes trilling across the dark water, crinkled and fretted with silver under a light wind. The shrill "kleep-kleep" of the oyster-catcher; the musical call of the redshank; the "tulip" "tulip" of the ringed plover; the cries of lapwing and sandpiper and dunlin; and the harsh "kraa-ark" of a heron rising on broad wings, to volplane down and alight at another fishing stance out of gunshot.

The faithful watcher here, particularly in spring and autumn, will sometimes be rewarded by sight and sound of rarer visitors. Both black-tailed and bar-tailed godwits have been observed by the lough, as well as the grey plover, that dainty silvery wader which sometimes joins its golden cousins among the oozing flats. Teal and wigeon and mallard are fighting under the moon, and intermingled with their calling is the "scaup," "scaup," "scaup" of that other duck which in its call repeats its name.

Then presently, from high up and far away, is heard that loveliest of all wild choruses, as of staghounds baying in the sky: the "honkle-cronkle-honkle" of the wild geese coming down from the north. Whitefront and grey lag, barnacle and its cousin the brent are winging southwards in vast echelon from the ice-flows of the northern seas to these waters their forbears have known for centuries.

Tradition affirms that these birds are the souls of slain Jacobites ever returning to seek sanctuary in their native land. But fact or fancy, certain it is that theirs is a voice of Ards which hasn't changed for hundreds of years; and one hopes it may still be known here as long as Strangford's tides press in from the sea.



WHITE ROCK, BELOW KILLINCHY, HEADQUARTERS OF THE STRANGFORD LOUGH YACHT CLUB

RECLAIMING WASTE LAND

Written and Illustrated by
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THE difficulty of feeding 50 million people on a small island and with a formidably reduced income is now Great Britain's overriding problem. From this it follows that farming has a peace-time importance previously unparalleled and that intensified agriculture is not only the first consequence of any plan to balance payments, but the first step to physical survival. Broadly speaking, it takes an acre to produce enough food for one man in England, and in an age of crises and planners it is paradoxical to find there are still thousands of acres lying idle. Government subsidies certainly encourage land reclamation to a limited extent, and the doctrine that no land is really waste has been preached for years, most notably by Professor Dudley Stamp. Yet policy regarding the potentially productive land which in fact produces nothing leaves much undone, and it rests largely with private individuals to decide whether or not capital is to be risked to help to solve a national problem.

I have in mind a Midland landowner who came out of the Army and found that he had no chance of taking a farm in hand. It was at once his fortune and bad luck to have as tenants 12 young enterprising farmers who, rightly, under existing laws could not be moved. In the middle of his estate there lay a waste of 150 acres, however, a drab expanse of coarse brown grass, covered with pools which were remarkable for duck and snipe. The whole of this looked, I suppose, very much as it must have done 600 years ago, when it was part of the three-field system and used by commonable beasts. In the present age, bordered by roads and buildings, next to a canal across which it faces the local colliery, and split by a mineral branch line which works between the pit and railway, it seemed like a glimpse of mediaeval England. These various inroads, moreover, together with a self-set birch plantation, reduced the waste for working ring-fence purposes to slightly under 100 acres, though these fell naturally into manageable fields easily reached and possible to drain. The whole, it appears, was found unsuitable as an open space when other manorial commons were regulated against enclosure under the Act of 1899, and the task of constructing a home farm where



A STRETCH OF WASTE LAND IN STAFFORDSHIRE BEFORE RECLAMATION.
(Below) THE SAME STRETCH AFTER PART OF IT HAD BEEN RECLAIMED
AND WAS READY FOR SOWING



"THE FIRST JOB, THAT OF CUTTING
OUT THE DITCHES, WAS A LONG ONE"

gorse and heather grew before seemed full of hope.

The land's condition was deplorable, however, for the well-planned drainage system, cut during the Napoleonic wars, had not been cleaned since the 1870's, and almost the whole area was soggy with swamp water. The soil, in fact, was about as charged with acid as an electric battery. Curiously enough, the Agricultural Executive Committee's analysis, which recommended unmeasured quantities of lime and an equivalent in phosphates, found that the potash content was quite high, a condition the Committee explain by the banks of soot blown for decades from pit chimneys by the prevailing wind.

The first job, that of cutting out the ditches, was a long one, but anyone who thinks ditch-cutting dull stuff, misses something. For the release of water from good land has a romance of its own, and I know nothing which sets my mind so much at rest as the sight of drains cut deep to a gravel bed and running with all the clearness of a stream towards the sea. Once these particular drains were opened the effect was instantaneous, and the new cuts

filled with the year's first rain, so that the light, peaty soil soon dried and proved easy to get on and quick to work.

The whole waste, as can be imagined, was covered with a matted grass, sometimes entwined with rushes or, worse still, with sapling birches. These were the hardest of anything to move, for a bulldozer could not grip them, and no local plough could turn them down. Many of them had to be removed by hand—a maddening and expensive business. Where possible the land was broken up to be fallowed, limed and then potatoed, but in the really uneven bits it was much easier to let the fegg (long, coarse grass) and grass roots rot themselves under a two-year ley. This system of combining potato cropping with direct reseeding worked, on the whole, extremely well, and at the end of two years it seems clear that the venture is successful.

Direct cropping, of course, is far more paying in the short run than direct reseeding, and last year one potato field grew once-grown Gladstones at 8 tons to the acre after a 3-ton dressing of lime and only 4 cwt. of fertiliser. For the first time, therefore, that anyone can

remember, miners are going to work across the waste with a potato clamp of 60 tons beside them, though profits from this clamp are badly needed to finance the leys. The cost of direct reseedling, even of the best of the rougher ground, works out at a minimum of £25 an acre, less the £10 marginal-land grant. The new price review will alter this a little, but with 5 tons of lime per acre, plus 8 cwt. of phosphate, even with cheaper seeds the cost is high.

Though Government grants for drainage and the reclamation of marginal land are a tremendous help financially, the fact remains that this particular scheme was carried through as a private enterprise, and a private enterprise based on a desire for profit. It is, of course, this very fact that gives point to my argument, but the case is a curious paradox of our time. For it is surely a strange comment on the age of planning that something which should obviously be part of a general plan has to depend for development on private gain. I put this to the landowner himself and quote from his letter in reply:



PLOUGHING A BAD SECTION COVERED WITH RUSHES AND BIRCH SAPLINGS

farm land properly from such degradation, for authorities' demands are not always reasonable, and the Agricultural Executive counts for far too little against them."

These are the particular problems of an individual, but they concern all Englishmen, for the country is forced back on her reserves as never before. Farming has come into its own as the truly basic industry, but protection of farming loses a great deal of its point if really good agricultural land can be tipped on or built on with comparative ease, and at the same time thousands of waste and common acres lie undeveloped. This is not a narrow issue confined to landowners or farmers or countrymen. It is something affecting all of us that needs looking into most seriously.

The whole problem was put very well by a very good writer a long time ago, for "No man is an island, in-tire of it self; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the maine; if a Clod be washed away by the Sea, Europe is the lesse, as well as if a Promontorie were, as well as if a Mannor of thy friends or of thine owne were."



LEVELLING THE WORST PLACES WITH A BULLDOZER

"It does seem that the whole position of agricultural land allocation and development is very backward. There are six authorities trying to acquire pieces of my property: a school which is extending its playground by 2 acres; a council which has plans for building on another 12; the Railways, which have applied for 5 acres on which to tip; the National Coal Board, which wishes to extend another, existing tip, by 10 acres; and the County Council, which wants 500 square yards for a road extension. Over and above this a new open-cast site is starting to work another 30 acres. All these demands came within one year, all want to take first-class agricultural land, and all the authorities concerned have powers of compulsory acquisition. It looks as though I shall lose 27 acres of farm land for ever and another 30 for at least seven years, out of an estate which is only 2,000 acres to start with. So you see, what I am reclaiming on waste at my end is being taken away from the country's agriculture at the other. I feel like a man in a boat plugging one lot of holes while another lot are being drilled. It seems astounding that there is nothing to protect



"THE AGRICULTURAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS RECOMMENDED UNMEASURED QUANTITIES OF LIME"

A NATURALIST IN THE HEBRIDES

Written and Illustrated by G. K. YEATES

THE romance of the Outer Hebrides has been sung in song and story until to-day they are cloaked in an atmosphere to which even the most unadventurous southerner responds. *The Road to the Isles* has as much effect on the imagination as the actual journey has on peace of mind. For the islands, so often inclement and wind-swept, have an atmosphere all their own, and when the sun shines, they have more to offer in colour and serenity than the much-vaunted Mediterranean itself. Nor can they be compared with the other remote island-archipelagos round our coasts. From Orkney and Shetland they are as different as can be—different in scenery, different in people, different in background.

If their best-known claims to fame lie in Harris tweed and the size of their sea-trout, the naturalist, geologist or botanist can never be short of material there. A tangle of lochs comprise as great an area of water as they contain of land; their shell-sand grows wild flowers in luxuriant abandon—in striking contrast to the dead peat-moors behind. In four miles the mountain of 2,000 feet falls to the flat *machair* at sea-level. It is a land of contrasts, in which a few miles convert a barren wilderness on which hooded crows rule the roost to a fertile plain where great herds of cattle graze, and where the deadness of sphagnum moss and moor-grass is rapidly transformed into a magic carpet of orchids, trefoil and daisies.

For the ornithologist, the Outer Isles are famous. They are the *locus classicus* of two rare British breeding birds, the red-necked phalarope and the grey lag-geese, and if to-day their title to the first is in jeopardy, they can still claim to be the headquarters of our few remaining pairs of grey lags. Indeed, it is more than probable that the next few decades will find them clinging to this Atlantic outpost as their last refuge. These geese in every sense and at every season



TYPICAL LANDSCAPE IN SOUTH UIST, IN THE OUTER HEBRIDES

dominate the bird-scenery of the Isles, for the small summer population is in winter considerably augmented by gaggles from the Arctic which find sanctuary in the hill-lochs and good feeding on the grassy *machair*. But even in spring and summer they are sufficiently numerous for flying skeins to cut frequent echelons in the sky as they pass from the lochs to the flats. No birds set their stamp upon a countryside more forcibly than geese. Their calls, their size, their manner of flight—all etch them indelibly on one's mind. By their presence they make big country seem bigger and the wilderness wilder. To what depths are the mighty fallen when a pot-bellied gander wobbles in ungainly fashion about the farm-yard! Here, in their wild summer home, they are a sight to stir the heart.

On the whole the grey lags flourish, despite the attentions of the hooded crows, and there is

one superb group of about 30 pairs—probably only a little less than half the total British nesting population. Of the red-necked phalarope, however, no such pleasant picture can be given. The two Uists are its most noted haunts, made famous by the descriptions of the older naturalists. To-day the position is anything but encouraging. On one ancestral loch last summer three hens arrived but only one cock, and at another locality only a single bird was seen. A third loch where the birds used to nest failed to reveal one. Something is clearly very wrong with the phalarope in the Outer Isles, and, while it is true that many clutches in egg-collections have had their origins there, it seems that other factors besides the collector have been at work to reduce the bird to its present precarious position. The unfortunate single male was leading a most harassed life, for in this little



A RED-NECKED PHALAROPE AND A GREY LAG-GOOSE, TWO OF BRITAIN'S RAREST BREEDING BIRDS, ON THEIR NESTS IN SOUTH UIST



A DUNLIN, A TYPICAL BIRD OF THE OUTER HEBRIDEAN PEAT-BOGS, INCUBATING

wader the rôles of the sexes are reversed, and it is the female that leads in courtship. With three rival Amazons to chase him he was the most hen-pecked bird I have ever seen.

The many lochs of South Uist vary from the dead peat-tarns of the moors to the luxuriant pools on the *machair*, carpeted with white water-lilies and fringed with yellow flags. The hill-lochs, unless graced by the geese, are singularly lacking in birds. Divers are inexplicably rare; two pairs of red-throats were my tally for a wide area. Yet it would be difficult to imagine terrain better suited to these birds. The ducks, too, with the exception of a few mallard, prefer the lower lochs. On the many islets of the hill-lochs, where alone there is any scrub, protected by water from the all-devouring jaws of grazing sheep, there is an occasional heronry, and all too many hooded crows. To these last rogues must be added a few scattered pairs of great black-backed gulls. The moors themselves are lifeless. Surprisingly, there are no golden plover or curlew. The celebrities of

this terrain are a few pairs of short-eared owls and hen-harriers.

The bird life undergoes a complete change when the blanket of peat gives place to the fertility of the valley and of the shell-sand *machair*. Where gorse grows, stonechats chack their alarms, and everywhere, by roadside and croft, wheatears bob and scold. Dark Hebridean song-thrushes sneak furtively into the scanty cover, and twites sing their linnet-like jingles from each and every bush. Starlings abound—resourceful birds, as happy in a hole in a rock or a wall as in colonies in rabbit warrens on the dunes. Where cultivation is extensive, the corn-crake grates and the corn-bunting lazily wheezes out its unmusical song. A whitethroat and a turtle-dove were two unexpected visitors.

It is, however, on the *machair* that the island's bird life abounds. On a bright June day the volume of lark song is prodigious. Even so, it is the lapwings which steal the show—in numbers which, acre for acre, can surely nowhere in Britain be exceeded. In mid-June,

when their chicks have hatched, their anxious cries become little less than a nuisance. At the same time, equally abundant ringed plovers run at one's feet with plaintive notes and trailing wings, in anxiety for eggs or chicks. When the oyster-catchers have hatched, the trio make bedlam of the peaceful *machair*.

If the *machair* provided the wealth of Uist's bird life in point of numbers on my visit, it was its lochs and surrounding bogs which supplied the chief interest. To these pools on the low ground the grey lags brought their broods after hatching them in the hill-lochs behind. From a distance goslings and parents seemed to form rafts, but closer scrutiny showed the family bond to be very real. If an errant gosling tried to attach itself to the wrong family, the gander snaked out his neck and, hissing, drove it back. Mention, too, must be made of the mute swans which nested on almost every islet, and, on the flat monotony of great Loch Bee, formed packs so large that I for a moment thought myself back with the flamingos on a Camargue lagoon.

The stars of these shallow lochs are the phalaropes, but, because of their rarity and diminutive size they could never be called characteristic. Where water-lilies padded the surface and bog-bean fringed the shores, mallard and tufted duck abounded, along with a few shoveler and teal. All retire to nest on the islets or in the more treacherous bogs. These they shared with large colonies of common gulls and terns. The terns appeared to be chiefly common terns; we found only one colony of Arctics. Dabchick and coot found sanctuary in the reedy lochs and reed-buntings in the thick growth around the edge. In the peat-bogs with their waving cotton grass dunlin and snipe were common.

But wherever one goes in South Uist, it is the grey geese which dominate the scene. They alone make use of the whole island, nesting, hatching and moulting in the sanctuary of the remote hill-lochs, and descending to the sea-level *machair* and its pools to feed and to bring up their chicks from downy goslings to flying geese. They alone make the island more than worthy of a visit from an ornithologist.



TWO OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE FLOWERS OF SOUTH UIST: BOG-BEAN (left) AND WHITE WATER-LILIES

DALEMAIN, CUMBERLAND—I

THE HOME OF MAJOR AND
MRS. E. W. HASELL

By ARTHUR OSWALD

Lying in the Eamont Valley near the outlet of Ullswater, Dalemain was noted and admired by Thomas Gray during his tour of the Lakes. The Georgian front conceals a mediæval house, the home of the Laytons, from whom the estate was purchased by Sir Edward Hasell in Charles II's reign.

WHEN the poet Gray spent a week in the Lake District in October, 1769, he prefaced his stay at Keswick with a day's excursion to Ullswater from Penrith. To-day it is usual to take the Shap road and turn off right after crossing Eamont Bridge, but there is another, more beautiful and more direct route that follows the left bank of the Eamont, "which runs rapidly on near the way, rippling over the stones." This was the road Gray took, and before long on his right Dalemain came into view, "a large fabrick of pale red stone with 9 windows in front & 7 on the side built by Mr. Hassel, behind it a fine lawn surrounded by woods & a long rocky eminence rising over them." Gray, like all travellers to the Lake District after him, was in search of romantic and picturesque scenery, but this Georgian fabric impressed him, perhaps by the contrast of its dignified façade and serene setting with the tumultuous mountain landscape ahead.

If one climbs the green slope behind the house (Gray's "fine lawn") and then turns and looks back (Fig. 2), a wonderful panorama of the mountains enclosing Ullswater is unfolded, with Helvellyn on the skyline to the right and, more prominent in the centre, the fells that rise above the east shore, concealing Martindale, where Major Hasell maintains what is now believed to be the only remaining deer forest in England.



1.—THE EARLY GEORGIAN FRONT OF PALE RED STONE

Dalemain lies snugly protected by trees on the right of the picture. The conical hill in the middle distance is Dunmallard, covered with wood still as when Gray saw it. He climbed it "with some toil" and was rewarded by the view of the lake "opening directly at my feet majestic in its calmness, clear & smooth as a blew mirror with winding shores & low points of land cover'd with green inclosures, white farm-houses looking out among the trees, & cattle feeding." The mountains rose "very rude & awful with their broken tops on either hand."

Dunmallard Hill was a prehistoric fort, and it has been claimed as the meeting-place "on Eamont" where King Athelstan received

the submission of Constantine, King of the Scots, and Eugenius, King of Strathclyde, in 927. The hill may have continued to be a stronghold in Plantagenet times, for in 1307 William de Dacre was granted a licence to fortify his dwelling-place of "Dunmalloght" in the Marches of Scotland. Andrew de Laton, a member of the family which held Dalemain, was at "Dunmallet" when he made his will in 1380. By that time Dacre Castle was in existence, and it is possible that the licence of 1307 related to the building of that keep-like structure, which has early 14th-century features and may at first have been known by the old name of Dunmallard (COUNTRY LIFE, Vol. LXV, 450). Dalemain is



2.—LOOKING SOUTH TO THE MOUNTAINS ENCLOSING ULLSWATER. Dalemain is just visible among the trees on the right



3.—FROM THE SOUTH-WEST: THE HOUSE ON ITS TERRACE

in the parish of Dacre. Castle, village and church lie little more than a mile to the west, overlooking the valley of the Dacre Beck, to which they owe their name. The beck, "a clear & brisk rivulet," to quote Gray again, runs into the Eamont close to Dalemain, skirting the meadow below the terrace on the south-west side of the house (Fig. 3).

Great and powerful as the lords of Dacre became by marriage and inheritance, they did homage for their manor of Dacre to the barons of Greystoke, of whom Dalemain also was held, by service of 4d. for cornage and 12d. or a pound of pepper yearly. Cornage or "horn-geld" was originally a rent payable in cattle. In 1557 the Laytons of Dalemain were also liable to present a red rose at midsummer "if demanded." But by that time their overlord was William, Lord Dacre of Gilsland, who had inherited the barony of Greystoke through his mother, the Greystoke heiress. In the course of time the tables have been reversed, for since 1715 the manor and castle of Dacre have been in the possession of the owners of Dalemain.

According to the earliest historian of the county, John Denton, who compiled his *Account of the most Considerable Estates and Families of Cumberland* in James I's reign, making use, it is said, of a period of imprisonment in the Tower to examine the records there, Dalemain was a possession of the Morvilles, and he names a John Morville in Henry II's reign, a Nigel son of John in 1209, and a Walter, son of Nigel, early in Henry III's reign. At that time the barony of Burgh-by-Sands was held by the Morvilles, and the Dalemain family were probably related to them. It has been suggested that Hugh de Morville, one of the murderers of Thomas à Becket, may have sought temporary refuge at Dalemain before securing himself in his castle of Knaresborough. Denton gives a pretty derivation for Dalemain: *dominicum in valle* or the domain in the dale. But this is not accepted by modern etymologists, who propose "Mani's Valley," pointing out that *Dalman* is the form in which the name first occurs.

Before the end of Henry III's reign, Dalemain had passed to the Laytons, perhaps through marriage with the Morville heiress, and it remained in their possession until 1680. The majority of them are only names culled from records. Denton found a Sir Richard de Laton in 1254; in 1317 Dalemain was held by Roger de Laton; and in 1360 by John. A little is known about John's brother, William de Laton, who lived at Newbiggin, between Dalemain and Greystoke; when he made his will in 1369, he had nine horses grazing "in Greystokpark," and

he left for his mortuary fee to Dacre church his "principal ox" but preferred to be buried in the Friars' church at Penrith. Some sort of feudal connection with the Dacres is implied, though none can have been owed territorially at the time, by the alternative coat-of-arms borne by some of the Laytons, argent on a bend gules three escallops of the field. And the fact that Andrew de Laton

made his will at Dunmallet in 1380 suggests that he was in the service of the Dacre of his day.

A later member of the family, one of the many Williams, married a Tunstall, who distinguished herself by bearing him 28 children. When she died, poor thing, he took a second wife, who brought the score up to 30. Major Hasell possesses a rental and "bounder"



4.—THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF THE HOUSE FROM THE STABLE COURT PAVED WITH OLD COBBLES



5.—THE BACK OF THE MEDÆVAL RANGE AND THE BREWHOUSE



6.—THE WEST SIDE OF THE COURTYARD, ORIGINALLY THE ENTRANCE FRONT. The doorway of 1685 and the Georgian windows have been inserted in a wall the core of which is mediæval. (Right) 7.—THE NEWEL STAIR IN AN ANGLE OF THE FORMER TOWER



of Dalemain "made by Thomas Laitone" in 1557, which is interesting in giving the boundaries of the manor with many still identifiable local names. In 1629 William Layton of Dalemain was Sheriff of Cumberland. His grandson of the same name held the same office in 1668 and died in 1675, leaving six daughters but no sons. Dalemain was left to his widow for life with the provision that after her death it should be sold by trustees to anyone who within three years of his death should happen to marry one of his unmarried daughters. There seem to have been no candidates, and as residuary legatee Mrs. Layton in 1680 sold Dalemain to Edward Hasell.

The purchaser belonged to a family that lived at Bottisham near Cambridge. He had come to the North in the service of Lady Anne Clifford, Countess Dowager of Dorset and also of Pembroke and Montgomery. At Dalemain there are a number of cherished relics of the formidable Lady Anne, gifts which she made to her steward, and as these will be illustrated next week, it will be enough to say of Edward Hasell here that he was thirty-eight when he bought Dalemain, that he was knighted in 1699, was M.P. for Cumberland in 1701, and died in 1707, leaving as his heir the Edward Hasell who was still squire when Gray visited the Lakes.

It was this second Edward Hasell who gave Dalemain its present Georgian appearance. But the view of the front is deceptive, concealing the fact that it is only one range of a courtyard building in which there still remains embodied the old house of the Laytons. The front faces south-east, but for simplicity in description it will be regarded as facing east and so forming the east range of the quadrangle, which is longer north and south than east and west. The west range, though much altered and given sash windows on the courtyard side (Fig. 6), is, nevertheless, substantially a mediæval building retaining features that are probably of 14th-century date. It was, in fact, a hall house which had a peel tower at the south end of the hall, in arrangement similar to the beautifully preserved Yanwath Hall, near Penrith, though no doubt less elaborately finished. At Hutton John, on the far side of Dacre, the peel tower remains but little altered, with wings of later date added to it and making an L-shaped house (COUNTRY LIFE, Vol. LXV, 116). Running south-westward from Brougham Castle, Yanwath, Dalemain, Dacre and Hutton John made a chain of holds along

the valleys of the Eamont and Dacre Beck.

On walking round to the back of the house, one sees at once signs of antiquity in the walls of rough stone rubble and several mullioned windows, though the walls have been heightened in places and finished off with a neat stone parapet. Fig. 4, looking at the north-west corner of the house, is taken from the stable court, which still keeps its old cobble paving and stone mounting block. Coming closer to the west side, one finds a straight line of quoins running vertically down the wall face to the left of the doorway (Fig. 5). This marks the original end of the hall range. The adjoining doorway is comparatively modern and opens into a passage leading to the kitchen, which lies at right angles to the hall. The kitchen range was reconstructed and heightened in the 18th century; as originally built, it was probably later than the hall range and overlapped its end wall, leaving a re-entrant angle, which was filled in by a three-storey block, only 13 feet wide, during the early years of the 17th century to judge by the two-light mullioned windows (left of Fig. 5). The

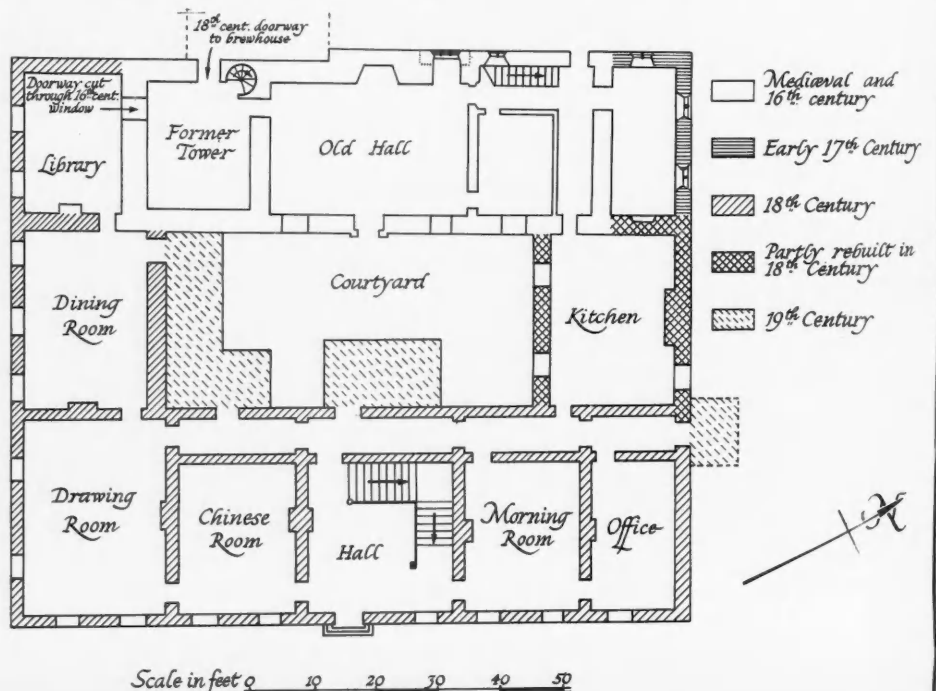
original entrance to the screens passage appears to have been at a point below the sashed window, where there is a two-light window lighting a staircase. None of the existing windows in this west wall is now older than the 16th century, but beyond the chimney above the annexe to the brew-house there is a square stone pierced with four openings linked in the form of a St. Andrew's cross. This occurs in the wall face by the newel stair, which it may once have helped to light. The whole wall seems to have been tidied up in the 18th century, particularly in the section beyond the chimney, where the tower must have been deprived of its top, either then or perhaps earlier.

In the 17th century the house may be imagined as consisting of the hall and kitchen ranges, forming an L with the tower at the south-west angle, but there may have been another wing where the dining-room is. The entrance was in the east wall of the hall range, though not originally in the middle as now, but probably where the window close to the kitchen range in the corner of Fig. 6 now is. In a diary of Sir Edward Hasell covering the years 1684-86 there is an entry under July 27, 1685:—

I this day had my hall door pulled downe & began to sett up a new one hewen wth free stone I had from little Stainton.

There it still is, with its bolection-moulded surround and cornice, but the sashed windows in this wall looking into the courtyard will date from the time when the front of the house was built.

Entering by this doorway we find Sir Edward's old hall (Fig. 9) with its low ceiling of massive cross timbers and joists and the paved floor which he had "new flagged with diamond fflags" (May 21, 1686). The original entrance will have been from the screens passage and through the doorway seen in the corner of the room beyond the long oak dining-table. This doorway, which has a two-centred arch with hollowed chamfer, is one of the features pointing to an early date for the range. Another is the roof in the attic, with trusses supported by arched braces that rise from corbels with shields. This was the original roof of the hall, which seems to have been divided horizontally in



8.—SKETCH PLAN OF GROUND FLOOR



9.—THE OLD HALL IN THE WEST RANGE

the 16th century, having the present ceiling inserted. In the north wall of the hall, between the doorways but not very clearly seen in the photograph, there are two projecting corbels about 18 inches below the ceiling. They are purposeless now, but in a hall open to the roof they might have supported a little gallery. The door in the right-hand corner is of 16th-century date and opens into a little room which must have been formed when the screens passage was suppressed. It may have been the "little parlour," which was given a new floor and chimney-piece in April, 1686. The stripping of plaster from the hall walls revealed the large stones forming the jambs of the original fireplace, which was of great width. A carved and moulded surround has been inserted into it, but the jambs do not belong to the top, which has a shaped architrave and a band of carved foliage interrupted by a cartouche. It evidently dates from Sir Edward Hasell's time. The two wide chairs, which have seats shaped for two, are known as courting chairs in Cumberland.

At the south end of the hall is the base of the former tower, approximately 18 feet square, with a south wall 4 feet 6 inches thick. This wall is no longer external, but has a little room beyond it, formed when the range was extended in the 18th century to bring it flush with the south front. This room, now a library, was, until 1912, the laundry. The doorway by which it is entered from the lower room of the tower has been cut down from what was once a two-light 16th-century window. In the north-west corner of the tower, beside the doorway leading into the hall, there is a stone newel staircase (Fig. 7) contained within the angle and going up two storeys. The first-floor room has an Elizabethan ceiling forming with its ribs a pretty geometrical pattern decorated with Tudor roses, fleurs-de-lis, bunches of acorns and larger boss-like ornaments (Fig. 10). The panelling lining the walls shows signs of rearrangement, and it is clear that the room has been reduced in size on the side of the staircase to give space for a passage. In Sir Edward Hasell's diary this room is called the fretwork chamber, as it still is to-day. He seems to have raised the floor in order to give greater height to the room below:—

1686. Mar. 20. I had ye dormant raised in ye fretworke chamber being a new flooring ye chamber.

He also refers to his "clock room," and to the dining-room, which Thomas Webster painted in March, 1686, for £10.

Above the hall there is a panelled bedroom (Fig. 11), with a simple early 18th-century surround to the fireplace, to the right of which there is a little closet, reached through a 16th-century doorway, with arched stone roof and three stone shelves in a recess beside the window. This closet is above the deep recess seen to the right of the fireplace in the hall (Fig. 9). It is a

puzzling feature, but the explanation may be that the portion of the range north of the hall was originally wider than the hall itself and that when the floor was inserted in the hall the recess between the chimney-breast and this north end was built up flush externally as seen in Fig. 5. The plan makes clear what the photograph does not show, that the external wall of the range beyond the hall chimney is set back about 3 feet. On this assumption the chimney-breast will also have projected originally when looked at from the angle of Fig. 5.

The bedroom, as the photograph shows, is pleasantly furnished with 18th-century pieces. The bed, of Hepplewhite period, with reeded mahogany posts, invites sleep with the words *Curarum Dulce Levamen* inscribed on the frieze of the canopy. To reach this bedroom and respond to the Care-charmer's invitation it is necessary to go down a flight of stairs from the north range owing to the higher level of the first floor in the 18th-century part of the house. Successive alterations in this oldest portion of the house have produced a mystifying series of ups and downs and differences in floor levels, leaving in one place a residuum which might well have been, as tradition avers, a priest's hiding hole, if it could be established that the Elizabethan Laytons were Catholics.

(To be continued)



10.—FIRST-FLOOR ROOM IN THE FORMER TOWER WITH AN ELIZABETHAN "FRETWORK" CEILING



11.—PANELLED BEDROOM OVER THE OLD HALL

MOTORING NOTES

TRAINING POLICE DRIVERS

By J. EASON GIBSON

THESE are probably many motorists who have felt, in a moment of annoyance, that there are far too many mobile policemen motoring about our roads. It requires, however, little reflection to realise that they do perform an essential duty, although, in common with others, I should prefer it if more of their time were devoted to stamping out really dangerous and selfish driving rather than dealing with cases of mere speeding. Admittedly, it is an offence to do 35 m.p.h. up Crystal Palace Hill or along Finchley Road—even at midnight with the roads deserted—but I should like to see more attention paid to such faults as clinging to the crown of the road; driving with dazzling lights; stupid use of the trafficators; and—the very prevalent one—cutting in from one stream of traffic to another. The failure to concentrate on these points is not, however, the fault of the police drivers but of higher authority. Moreover, apart altogether from any criticisms one may have, there is no doubt that the disciplined behaviour of most British motorists—admired so much by foreign visitors—is largely due to the presence on our roads of the mobile police.

I recently spent a day at the Metropolitan Police Driving School at Hendon, assuring myself that, apart from his knowledge of the law, the police driver was sufficient of an expert to be entitled to assess the performance of others. The more thoroughly one enquires into any particular point in the course of instruction at Hendon, the more one is convinced that the instructors, at least, are real experts entitled to the admiration of all motorists. The effect of instruction on accident figures within the police force is interesting. In 1934—the school was started in 1935—cars run by the Metropolitan Police were involved in an accident every 8,000 miles, but today the figure has changed to one every 72,000 miles, despite the increasing danger of much police work. It is the belief of the school that no driver who adheres to the Hendon system will ever be responsible for an accident, and, unlike the instructors at some civilian driving schools, the instructors there appreciate that the actual operation of the various controls is of secondary importance; the important things are to look ahead, think ahead, and concentrate on one's driving. Since it is impossible to drive perfectly—and perfection is the aim at Hendon—without a knowledge of how a car works, students are first given a week of instruction on the mechanical side, before starting, first on private roads, their driving lessons.

One might imagine that instruction by the police would tend to produce excessively cautious and hidebound drivers, but this I found was not so. None of the instructors with whom I spoke had a narrow-minded belief on the subject of speed, and it was clear that my own view that speed as such was never dangerous was agreed with. Whereas in the average civilian driving school students are taught, and eventually pass their driving tests, at low speeds and are then allowed on the roads without any experience of the higher speeds at which they will ultimately drive, the police driver is given very serious training in high-speed driving. One might also imagine that instruction in a disciplined force like the police would follow the pre-war Army system rather closely, but, in fact, any feature of motoring which may be of value in improving the standard of driving is taken into consideration.

Certain original features of the instruction could well be copied elsewhere, and would, I feel sure, help to produce better and safer drivers on our roads. Once the student driver has got over the initial stages of his instruction he must, while driving normally, give a running commentary of what he sees ahead, what action he intends to take, and the reasons for his action. Most drivers in the learner stage feel very awkward about this, but they soon overcome their stage fright, and there is no doubt that the insistence of the instructors on these commentaries being properly done compels the student to concentrate far more on his driving. It has the advantage on many occasions also of drawing his attention to the error he was about to make. The senior instructors at Hendon hold the view that if everyone concentrated on his driving, accidents would be reduced automatically and immediately. They think that it is not the weight of traffic during peak hours that causes accidents, but the fact that so many motorists are pre-occupied with the

authority has painted the solid line on a completely open corner), and never to pass other traffic, so that they become "the meat in the sandwich." It is interesting that competition work is not frowned on by higher authority; two of the sergeant instructors at Hendon have now competed twice in the Monte Carlo Rally, and they consider that their Hendon training, plus the experience gained on the skid patch, has been invaluable. Having myself been driven very fast by one of these two sergeants, I can testify that the standard achieved by the best police drivers is one of which the most expert motorist could be proud.

A New Visual Aid

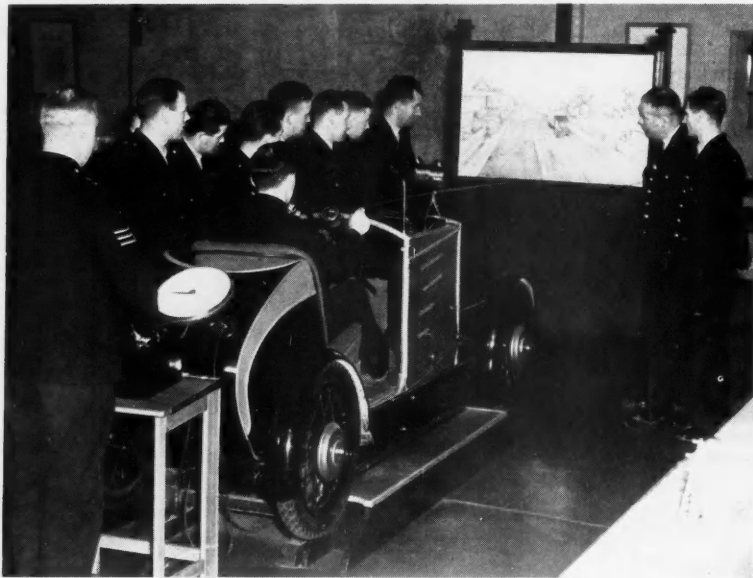
In a recent article I discussed the different opinions about the relative merits of yellow and white light for driving in fog. I have now been testing for some time spectacles made of sodium vapour glass, which are intended to clarify one's vision under conditions of poor visibility, such as

dusk, mist, or thin fog, and there is no doubt that the yellow-tinted glass is most beneficial. When one is driving at dusk or in a misty haze, objects which can be seen by the naked eye only with great difficulty stand out much more clearly when one wears the spectacles, and the effect is similar to that experienced by photographers in studying a scene through the usual yellow filter. The uppermost portions of the eye-pieces are treated with chrome, so that the dazzle of approaching headlights can be greatly reduced by a slight inclination of the head. The general effect of wearing the spectacles throughout a long journey is the opposite of that produced by the usual sun spectacles, which seem to bring darkness earlier in the evening; with these glasses daylight seems to last much longer owing to the general brightening effect. My one objection to them is that the rather limited dimensions of the frame—particularly if one has a wide angle of vision—tend to strain the eyes slightly after some time. The fact that one can pick out distant objects more easily in mist or slight fog when using these yellow-tinted glasses tends to support the theory of those who believe that yellow light is better in fog.

A Motorist's Handbook

In these days of rising costs, when so many motorists are—much against their will—forced to run pre-war cars, the problem of keeping the car in perfect condition urgently faces many motorists, and anything which will help is to be welcomed. A new edition of *The Motor Manual* (Temple Press, 6s.), recently published, is an example of how such books should be done. The new edition has been brought completely up to date, and the avoidance of unnecessary technicalities makes it easily understood by any motorist.

The working principles, design and construction of cars and their equipment are fully described, and motorists can learn the best ways of ensuring that their cars are kept in a fully efficient condition. Even for those who prefer to entrust the maintenance of their cars to the local service stations this book is well worth while, for by a full understanding of their cars they will increase the pleasure of motoring and the skill of their driving. The book is fully illustrated with both photographs and clear line drawings.



A STUDENT DRIVER UNDERGOING TESTS IN STOPPING ON THE MODEL CAR AT THE METROPOLITAN DRIVING SCHOOL AT HENDON. Both the speed of the driver's reaction and the distance in which he stops are registered

problems of either their homes or their businesses. Readers of *COUNTRY LIFE* may recall that on more than one occasion I have urged the advisability of taking advantage of any snowfall or icy condition to learn by practice the technique of controlling skids, and if need be using self-induced skids in an emergency. At Hendon an artificial skid-patch is used for this purpose, and all learners spend a period of instruction on it.

The technique is first demonstrated by an instructor, and then the learner is let loose to do his worst, using an old car with completely smooth tyres. Once he has recovered from the initial shock on finding that the normal methods of control no longer apply, he is taught that the sliding of the car can be controlled and used to advantage. The skid patch is used also to demonstrate to police drivers that should they become involved in chasing a stolen car by far the best method is to sit on the criminal's tail, and by driving with precision and intelligence wear down his nerve and resistance. This, of course, is a lesson learnt from motor racing.

Two rules of driving at Hendon—and the more one thinks of them the more sensible they are—concern white lines and passing. Students are taught to regard the continuous white line as a stone wall which should never be crossed (there may be exceptions where some local

FURNITURE-MAKING IN 18th-CENTURY IRELAND

By R. W. SYMONDS



1.—DRESSING-TABLE OF VENEERED YEOW. IT HAS SOLID YEOW LEGS CARVED WITH SHAMROCK ON THE KNEES. Circa 1725. (Right) 2.—RICHLIY DECORATED MAHOGANY CARD-TABLE. THE CARVED HANGING TASSEL IS RARE. Circa 1740

IN the 18th century Ireland imported from England a variety of goods, chiefly pewter, brass, china, glass, carpets, prints, Indian goods and upholstery ware. In the *Dublin Intelligence* of November 11, 1710, appears the following advertisement:

"Just arrived from London, Variety of Fine Ware, made of a Composition of fine Metals, made into Divers Sorts of Vessels, which are now all in Fashion by the Quality of Great-Britain, some very like Silver, and some like Gold; also a Superfine Hard Mettal Bismuth Pewter, made into the following Particulars; all of which will Wear and Scower White and Fine, and last for many Years, some of the Particulars are Japannd very Fine, the White Mettal, viz. Dishes, Plates, Tankards, Canns, Salters, Porringers, Spoons, Candlesticks, Tea-Kettles, Tea-Pots, all with Lamps, and Frames, Sauce-Pans, Cisterns, Fountains, Montaffs, Casters, Salvers, Soope-Spoons, Wax-Candlesticks with Branches, Cullinders, Chamber-Pots, Bells, or Covers for Dishes, Cranes for Racking of Drink, Chacolet-Pots, Coffee-Pots, Limbicks, and Canisters."

The native craftsmen competed where they

could with these imported goods. For example, James, Maculla, pewterer, "opposite to the Spinning-Wheel in Back-Lane, Dublin," seems to have been so incensed or alarmed at this shipload of metal wares that in the same issue of the *Dublin Intelligence* he announced that it was pointless for these wares to have been brought from London, for "Persons of Quality may now be accomodated with choice of all Sorts of as Fine LONDON Pewter and Brass, and Divers Sorts of other Goods, as ever was brought to this Kingdom." In the main, the English imported goods were those that could not be made in Ireland. I have found no advertisements of imported furniture, apart from Indian goods re-exported from England.

Irish, or Anglo-Irish, craftsmen made on the spot the furniture the community needed.

"On Thursday last between two and three o'clock in the Morning, a Fire broke out in the Stables of the Piot Horse Inn in Caple-street, which set Fire to a Workshop belonging to Mr. Ellis, a very eminent Cabinet-maker, in said Street, (suppos'd by the Carelessness of some of the Servants of the Inn) and were all in a Blaze before discover'd. The Flames were

communicated to three Houses, and would in all Probability had the same Fate, were it not for Mr. Bolton's Fire Engine, which soon extinguish'd the Flames.

"The same Day of this unhappy Accident the Revd. Dr. Swift, D.S.P.D. in his extensive Generosity and great Goodness sent Mr. Ellis twenty Pounds; and Yesterday the Church Wardens and several Gentlemen of St. Mary's Parish, on Account of his good Character and great Loss, began to make a Collection for him; so, it is hoped, he will be no great Sufferer" (*Dublin Evening Post*, October 14, 1740).

"The WIDOW of Mr. JOHN STEARS, Cabinet-Maker, late of George's lane, and her Son, being bred to his Father's Business, intends to continue the same, and will take Care to employ the best Hands, and to have every Thing done in the best and newest Fashion, to the Satisfaction of such as please to Favour them with their Custom. They have at present great Variety of Joyners and Cabinet-makers Goods, viz. Oak, Walnut and Mahogany, after the neatest Manner, to be sold at reasonable Rates" (*Dublin Journal*, August 6, 1745).

The auxiliary crafts of the japanner and



3.—CARD TABLE OF VENEERED AND SOLID YEOW WOOD. Circa 1740. (Right) 4.—DETAIL OF ITS FRIEZE, SHOWING THE GRAIN OF THE YEOW WOOD

the carver and gilder were also carried on in Dublin.

"Now selling by Auction on Monday the 31st of Aug. Inst. the Stock in Trade and Household Furniture belonging to the late Mr. Joshua Robinson, Japanner on College-green; the Stock consists of great Variety of the right India Bantam Screens, Cabinets, Cubbards, Tea Table Tops, &c. several curious Chamber Chests, Cabinets, Dressing-tables, Dressing-boxes, and several other Articles in the japann'd Way, done by said Robinson, a very curious Altar Piece in Miniature, great Choice of guilt Leather and painted Screens, some curious Paintings, several Collections of choice Prints framed, varnished and otherwise, a great Quantity of India Paper for Screens or Hangings, a large Collection of curious Shells, and other Curiosities for Grottos bought by said Robinson, when last in London, with all his Working Tools and Necessaries fitting for the Japanners Business" (*Dublin Journal*, August 29, 1747).

"WILLIAM BIBBY, Glass-seller, Carver, and Gilder, having opened a Looking-Glass Shop at the Golden Spectacles on Essex-bridge, where Mr. Fawcett, Glass-seller, lately dwelt, sells all Sorts of Looking-Glasses in gilt and Walnut Frames, made in the best and most fashionable Manner, Coach Glasses, Variety of gilt Branches of the newest Patterns, Bell Lamps and Shades; and has imported from London several Sorts of Chrystal Spectacles made according to the approved Method of the Royal Society, which preserve and strengthen the Eyes, Reading Glasses, Temple Spectacles, Prospect Glasses of several Kinds, and all Sorts of common Spectacles. N.B. Said Bibby was bred to Carving and Gilding, and has been lately in London, where he has furnished himself with Variety of the newest Draughts and Designs; and as he Manufactures his Frames will sell at the most reasonable Rates to those who will please to favour him with their Custom. He makes all Manner of gilt Picture Frames and Tables, in the newest and best Manner, and all other Gilding Work in the Frame Way, performed at the most reasonable Rates" (*Dublin Journal*, November 14, 1747).

Eastern lacquer and porcelain ware were



5.—WALNUT STOOL WITH EARLY DESIGN OF CABRIOLE LEG. Circa 1725

sold at the "Indian Woman." These goods were first brought to England by the East India Company.

"ELIZABETH RUSSELL, at the Indian Woman in Bride-street, Widow of John Russell, deceased, continues to sell China, Earthen Ware, and Glasses of all Kind, together with printed Paper, made after the newest and finest Patterns for Hanging of Rooms. She requests the Favour and Continuance of all her late Husband's customers and Friends, to enable her to support the numerous Charge he has left, assuring them she will serve them with great Honesty and Dispatch. Dublin, Oct. 29, 1746" (*Dublin Journal*, November 25, 1746).

The London fashion of hanging rooms with Indian or Chinese paper was copied in

Dublin during the middle of the 18th century.

"MICHAEL SPRUSON, Painter, takes this method to acquaint the Publick, (but most particularly the Ladies) that he hangs Rooms with Indian Paper, in the most exact Manner and elegant Taste. He also improves and amends, such as has been ill done, by the Unskilful: He can be well recommended as to his Performance, by several Ladies, who has done him the honour of employing him, and he has had the pleasure to please.

"N.B. He cleans old Indian Paper, and is to be heard of, at Mr. Deane's Fan-maker, in 'George's-lane, or at the Black Lyon in Fisher's-lane" (*Dublin Journal*, November 28, 1747).

The Anglo-Irish nobility are likely to have



6.—MAHOGANY CUTLERY AND PLATE STAND. THE LEGS ARE AN INCONGRUOUS COMBINATION OF CLAW AND BALL FEET AND HOCK LEGS. (Right) 7.—COMPASS-SEAT WRITING-CHAIR. The back and arms are decorated with low relief carving. Circa 1740



8.—THREE-CHAIR-BACK SETTEE DECORATED WITH 16 EAGLE HEADS, TWO OF WHICH ARE ON THE ARMS. Circa 1740

furnished their country seats and town houses with London furniture. Wealthy Irishmen, or Englishmen domiciled in Ireland, were in no different position in this respect from their equals in England who ordered from London suites of furniture for their country residences. English furniture imported into Ireland was, therefore, anything that could not be made, or made so well, in Ireland. Unfortunately the lists of imports from north and south Britain do not mention separate items, apart from coaches. Sending furniture from London to Dublin was probably no more expensive than sending it to the northern parts of England. The sea route for goods going from London to the North of England was, anyhow, usually adopted, for it was cheaper.

The only extant furniture which was made, without doubt, in Ireland by Irish or Anglo-Irish craftsmen is of dark mahogany, lavishly carved, as I showed in my article *Anglo-Irish Furniture*, published in COUNTRY LIFE of February 22. The question therefore arises: what has happened to all the Irish oak, walnut, japa and gilt furniture which was made, as the advertisements show, during the first 60 or so years of the 18th century?

The carving on this Irish mahogany furniture is our means of identification, for the size and disposition of its motifs are not found elsewhere. It is peculiar to Irish mahogany furniture. Nowhere in England were masks made so large and motifs so incongruously mixed. But in other respects, this furniture was basically of English design, and, as the Irish cabinet-makers' advertisements indicate, in the latest London fashion. There is actually less of this mahogany furniture than appears, for some chairs, couches and stools made in the solid are of walnut; the deceptive colour is due to the darkness of the solid walnut, as, for example, in the stool illustrated in Fig. 5.

Veneered walnut cabinets and bureaux-bookcases have no definite Irish characteristic, and unless found in Ireland, or with an Irish pedigree, are not thought to be of Irish origin. The same applies to Irish-made oak, japanned and gilt furniture.

During the years between the two World Wars large quantities of Irish furniture were

exported to America. The mahogany, with its definite Irish character, was called Irish Chippendale, and the veneered walnut, japanned and gilt furniture was described as English, for under this label it was worth more. This was not a commercial deception, for it was thought, not unreasonably, that originally this furniture was imported into Ireland from England.



9.—LARGE MAHOGANY DUMB WAITER. The tripod base is designed with eagle legs and finely carved scaled claws. Circa 1740

As the late Herbert Cescinsky pointed out, the term Irish Chippendale is a misnomer, but not for the reasons he gives in his *English Furniture of the Eighteenth Century* (1911). According to this writer, mahogany furniture was not made in Ireland at all, and its exportation there from England was economically possible only because the duty (paid on the timber when imported) was drawn back or rebated when the timber was exported as furniture. Cescinsky offered no explanation as to how this could be done and does not suggest that there might be some practical difficulties about assessment. The whole is, in my opinion, fantastic; it was only propounded because Cescinsky did not know that the mahogany imported into England and Ireland came duty free from the British island of Jamaica and not, as he thought, from the Spanish island of Santo Domingo. When the wood was from Santo Domingo, the merchants avoided the duty by sending it to Jamaica first and then pretended it was Jamaican wood.

Judging by extant pieces, the Irish liked yew wood more than the English did. There must have been a considerable number of yew trees growing in Ireland. Mr. Colin Johnston Robb illustrated a letter about yew wood (COUNTRY LIFE, November 30, 1951) with a photograph of a yew staircase in Birr Castle, King's County. He also mentioned that some yew furniture remained in the castle until 1870.

The dressing-table illustrated in Fig. 1, which was made about 1725, is an interesting example of Irish yew furniture. The shamrock which decorates the knees of the legs was certainly not borrowed from England. It can also be seen how little the design of the mahogany card-table in Fig. 2 differs from that of the yew card-table in Fig. 3. Both tables exhibit the highest quality Irish craftsmanship.

The three eagle legs which form the tripod of the dumb waiter shown in Fig. 9 are a rare feature; in fact, I know of only two other tripods like it. The carving, particularly of the scaling and feathers, is of the highest workmanship. This curious dumb waiter has definite Irish characteristics and was bought in 1915 from a family living in Londonderry.

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A PHEASANT

SIR,—Lord Powis has asked me to send you a pheasant which, as you will see, has died as the result of a very peculiar accident, having impaled itself on a sharp-pointed branch of an oak. The bird was picked up by one of the keepers underneath the tree. The force of the impact must have broken off the small branch, which has gone through the bird's body.

I find it difficult to believe that a pheasant would fly into a branch in this manner, though we have had a similar example of a pheasant impaling itself in this way when it had fallen through trees.—W. M. MARRIOTT, Estate Office, Powis Castle, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire.

[Birds are as liable to accidents as human beings, and one imagines that the pheasant, perhaps startled by a sudden noise, flew hard and fast into the branch without even seeing it. The force of the impact must have been considerable, for the branch had penetrated the bird's breast to a depth of over six inches before breaking.—Ed.]

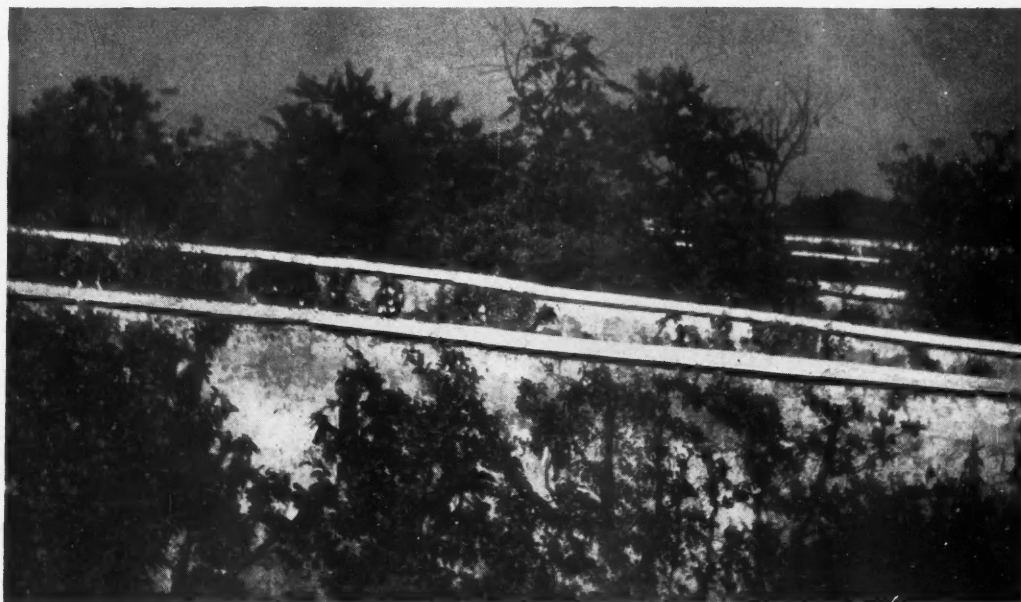
LAST WORD ON SKI-ING

SIR,—The difficulties of ski-ing have been described often, but rarely, I think, as movingly as in this passage from a letter my schoolgirl daughter has received from a young French lady: "I have pass a good time in the chrismas holiday, the mountain with snow is very beautiful. For stop with the ski is dificult and me I stop on my subsequnt but after for sit it is impossible."—W. F., Sydenham, S.E.26.

THE ROYAL ROCK
BEAGLERS

SIR,—I should be grateful if any reader of COUNTRY LIFE could identify the figures in the painting of which I enclose a photograph. I believe that these are the Royal Rock Beaglers, and that Boston Castle is seen in the distance. The painting is signed "Trausdoole" and dated 1846. The beaglers wear a uniform of green tail-coats and white trousers.—F. G. COLLINS, Cambridge.

[There is a well-known print of the Royal Rock entitled *The Merry Beaglers*. It was engraved by J. Harris after a painting by Harry Hall, and was published in 1848. Messrs.



CLOSELY BUILT STONE WALLS USED FOR GROWING FRUIT AT MONTREUIL, NEAR PARIS

See letter: Fruit-growing in France

Fores, of New Bond Street, whom we consulted, inform us that no print after Mr. Collins's picture by which the figures might be identified is known to them. The name of the artist cannot be identified and has perhaps been misread.—Ed.]

FRUIT-GROWING IN
FRANCE

SIR,—Seven kilometres east of Notre Dame, sprawling over the steep sides of two sunny hills, is the small town of Montreuil. The inhabitants found that it was an ideal place for peach growing and that the ripening was greatly helped by walls, which held the heat of the sun. Gradually the whole district became a checker-board of small walled orchards, each entered only by a stout wooden door which is usually kept locked. It is said that in 1814 this maze of walls halted the invading enemy troops. By the end of the Revolution there were about 2,500 acres of these

orchards, but now they have dwindled to some 700.

These little oblong orchards are of uniform size, surrounded by a high, roofed stone and plaster wall. They are all privately owned and the men work in them full-time; often one man may own two or three. They also use the sheltered gardens for growing flowers and vegetables, which they send with the fruit to Les Halles, the Covent Garden of Paris.

Incidentally, the Montreuil growers claim to be the originators of *espalier* training.—N. M. WOODALL, 1, The Crossroads, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Hampshire.

EARLY MIGRANT
BUTTERFLIES

SIR,—On March 1, at Arne, on the western shores of Poole Harbour, Dorset, I noticed something fluttering against the side of an old hulk beached there. On walking over I found to my astonishment that it was a painted lady butterfly (*Vanessa cardui*). It

flew round for some minutes, settling on the coarse marsh grass, and finally flew away inland.

This appears to be an exceptionally early date for an immigrant of this species and I am wondering if it could possibly be a specimen that had managed to survive the winter, although as far as I know this has never been proved to occur.—G. S. RALSTON, Shillingstone, Dorset.

SIR,—On March 5 I saw, outside the officers' mess here, a good male specimen of the painted lady. The normal time for the first appearance of this immigrant butterfly in our islands is about the second week in May. It was observed in March in 1938.

The explanation of its early appearance this year is no doubt the warm weather and southerly winds we experienced in early March.—E. FIRTH, Thorney Island, Sussex.

[Mr. S. W. Sillem writes that he saw a painted lady butterfly in his garden at Penn, Buckinghamshire, on March 8.—Ed.]

THE ART OF THE
MALTSTER

SIR,—Mr. C. L. Shaw has, I am glad to say, by his letter on the assessment of malt quality (February 22) corrected any impression I might inadvertently have given your readers (January 18) that extract was the ultimate criterion. In describing extract as "the present touchstone of quality" I had hoped to indicate the inadequacy of this test alone, to which an exaggerated importance is sometimes given. Needless to say, no "slur on the maltster" was intended.

Mr. Shaw's list, though not exhaustive, will have helped your readers to appreciate the difficulties facing maltsters in selecting and processing a variable raw material like barley to satisfy a number of brewers, each of whom will require malt of somewhat different characteristics, although they will probably agree that, provided these individual characteristics are present, the higher the extract the better.

The first step in the making of malt products, with the exception of malt flour, is the extraction of the soluble matter by water. This extract, or "wort," is fermented by the brewer, distiller and vinegar manufacturer and concentrated to a thick syrup by the manufacturer of malt extract for pharmaceutical, confectionery and other purposes. Hence,



PAINTING DATED 1846 OF A GROUP OF BEAGLERS, BELIEVED TO BE THE ROYAL ROCK

See letter: The Royal Rock Beaglers



A TAME CARRION CROW ON ITS OWNER'S ARM

See letter: A Tame Crow

to all of these, the extract is of prime importance in determining yield and therefore cost of production.

In this and other tests of quality the laboratory is of considerable assistance to both the maltster and the user of malt, but the maltster and his chemist no less than the brewer must also develop the art of assessing those immeasurable factors of bite, flavour and appearance. In the brewing industry—still the largest consumer of malt—these more subtle characteristics are of greater importance than in other industries, since on them depend, in no small measure, the distinctive characteristics for which a beer or stout is prized locally or nationally and which the brewer by the judicious blending of art and science achieves consistently.

Finally, both Mr. Shaw and I must resign ourselves to the fact that in endeavouring to avoid undue technicalities our explanations of our closely united industries must of necessity be inadequate.—J. H. MURPHY, Chief Chemist, Henry Page and Co., Maltsters, Ware, Hertfordshire.

SOLAR RAINBOWS

SIR,—The maintained interest in solar and lunar rainbows prompts me to send you this account of a remarkable solar bow that I saw some years ago.

The rainbow was projected against a stormy background of inky blackness. The area within the bow was suffused with a silvery sheen which was traversed by a large number of dark lines radiating from the centre of the circle and spreading as far as the inner circumference of the rainbow. At the time the sun was rather low in the western sky and was shining through a large area of mackerel clouds. Evidently every small mackerel cloud between the sun and the bow cast a shadow which was projected into the space beyond by the spherical raindrops, acting somewhat in the manner of photographic lenses.

The effect of the law of perspective—that all parallel straight lines receding from the eye appear to meet in a point on the horizon—would account for the apparent

convergence of all the lines of shadow to the vanishing-point at the centre of the bow. As the viewpoint was from a height of more than 2,000 feet across a wide open plain, considerably more than half the circle was visible.

The impression was of an immense wheel, suspended in space, with a brightly enamelled rim and a great number of slender spokes. Those present at the time agreed that this spectacle was more weird than beautiful.—CHARLES THOMAS, 48, Manor Road North, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

A TAME CROW

SIR,—In COUNTRY LIFE from time to time I have read with interest accounts of various tame birds, but never of a tame crow. I am therefore sending you a recent photograph of my daughter, Mrs. George Bliss, of Sydenham Damerel, Devon, with the crow Grip she brought up after it fell out of its nest last year.

It regularly comes squawking into the kitchen for tit-bits, and if the window happens to be shut it will mew like the cats to be let in. It will also come down from the trees when called by name.

It would be interesting to know if any other reader has had experience of tame crows.—ERNEST CHALMER, 9, The Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey.

FOR CATCHING MOLES

SIR,—You recently had an article and correspondence on old traps in COUNTRY LIFE, and therefore your readers may be interested in my photographs showing a number of home-made examples of those used for catching moles in Herefordshire.

The first and third are worked by a bent supple stick to which a string is attached. When a mole passes along a run it releases the catch, the stick springs upwards and the mole is quickly strangled. The second one is worked by an iron spring; it is shown in the set position. The lower part is inserted into the run and is released by a mole attempting to pass through the circular hole. The fourth one is a cruel instrument which was set in a run near a hedge. The jar was filled with water as high as the hole in the side, and the wooden run placed over it. The bottom is so hinged that a mole passing over the jar would be precipitated into the water. The bottom of the run then goes back into position to prevent escape and to set the trap ready for another victim.

These examples were collected a few years ago for Hereford Museum, where they may now be seen.—F. C. MORGAN, 267, Upper Ledbury Road, Hereford.

A LINK WITH WILLIAM PENN

SIR,—I hope you will record the enclosed photograph of the last of the ancient beer-houses of the City of Wells, in the beautiful mediæval market-place adjoining the Cathedral. They were of almost doll's-house proportions, and this one has a complete set of rooms with bar and yard. It was until recently the Royal Oak Inn, and there is a strong local tradition that William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, preached from the small attic window. He was certainly found at the Crown next door and was arraigned before the mayor and another magistrate for holding an illegal religious meeting. They had to release him as he had a certificate

from Kidder, the Bishop of the Diocese. Kidder was unpopular locally, but inclined to be sympathetic with nonconformists, as he had supported the saintly but orthodox Ken when the latter had refused to take the oath to William III.

Unfortunately the lease of this property and that of a pleasant 18th-century house next door have expired and the City Council intends to demolish the buildings to make way for additional parking space and flower gardens. There is much local indignation, but little time to enlist outside help. A petition has been organised and may be signed at the shop.—R. D. REID, 8, Chamberlain Street, Wells, Somerset.

THE FIERY ARAB

SIR,—There was a painting of a grey Arab which seems to me to be the double of that illustrated in COUNTRY LIFE of February 22 on offer in recent years in the Great Bazaar at Istanbul. I have always taken this horse to be



THE FORMER ROYAL OAK INN AT WELLS, SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION

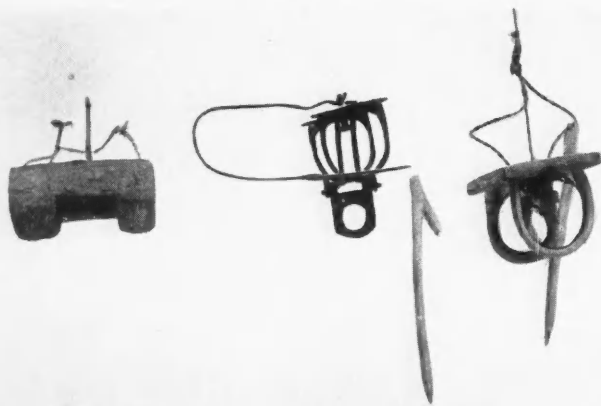
See letter: A Link with William Penn

one of the favourites from the stud of Abbas Pasha I, grandson and heir of Mohamed Aly and Viceroy of Egypt (1848-54).

A number of paintings of Abbas Pasha's horses are reproduced by H.R.H. Prince Mohamed Aly in his book, *Breeding of Pure Bred Arab Horses*. The livery of the grooms is the same as that shown in the painting under discussion. It appears that the Pasha had a preference for grey and white horses. There is a portrait of his son, Ilhamy Pasha, on a grey. General Daumas, who recorded the Algerian Emir Abd-el-Kadir's notions on horses (*Les Chevaux du Sahara*), cites an Arab saying to the effect that "white is the colour for princes." Prince Mohamed Aly says: "A white horse is much esteemed but to be a perfect specimen, the muzzle, eyes and membranes must be black." The horse in the painting seems to have these points.—W. E. D. ALLEN, Whitechurch House, Cappagh, Co. Waterford.

THE RAVAGES OF DRY ROT

SIR,—I have read with considerable interest the letters about dry rot which you have recently published, but I cannot remember any reference to what I suppose is the most important specific cure for dry rot, namely, sodium fluoride. This can be purchased readily in bottles from chemists, and if dissolved in



A VARIETY OF MOLE-TRAPS IN HEREFORD MUSEUM

See letter: For Catching Moles



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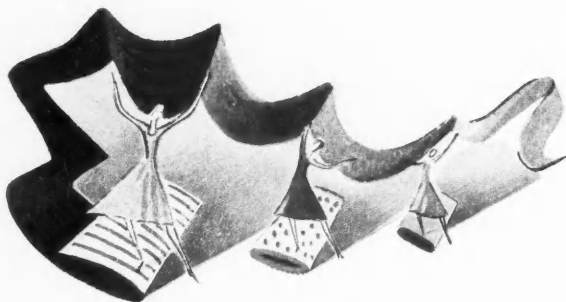
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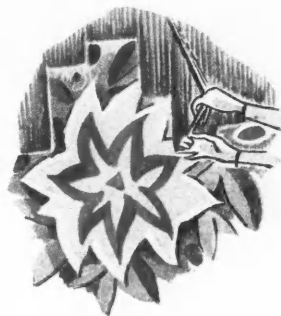
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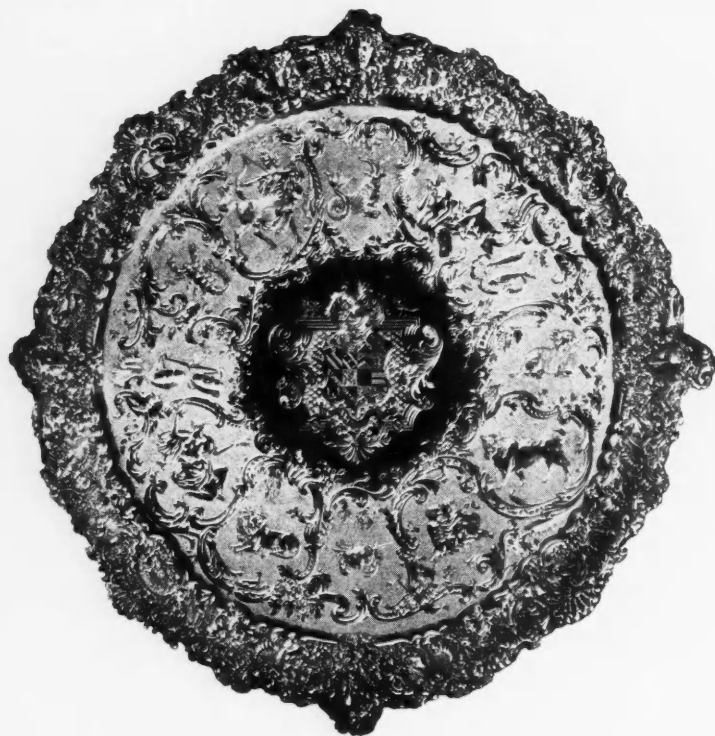
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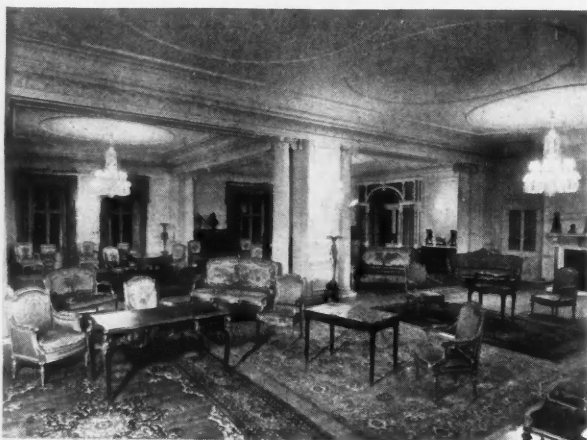
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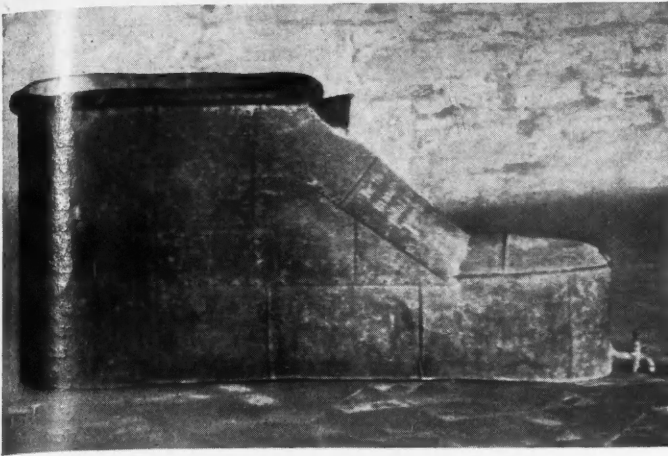
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warm water and sprayed over the infected area is the most effective means of checking and, in fact, curing it. I have used it on a large number of cases recently and in every instance it has been completely successful. One should apply the spray two or three times and again if any recurrence occurs, which it seldom does.

A publication called *Dry Rot in Wood*, issued by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and obtainable from the Stationery Office for 1s., deals thoroughly with the whole matter, and anybody who has the problem to deal with would, in my opinion, be well advised to obtain the book and read it.—HARRY B. PATEN, *Castor Hill, Peterborough.*

Christ's Hospital—then, as until 1902, in the City of London—houses and land sufficient to yield an annual revenue of £44. His land formed a large part of what is to-day the street Queen Anne's Gate. On some of this land, leased from Christ's Hospital, a cockpit was built in or about 1671. A fresh lease was granted in 1749, and on its expiration in 1810 Christ's Hospital demolished its cockpit and sold by auction the building materials of the "Royal cockpit, offices and housekeepers' apartments."

Up to 1810 the tenant, it is said, was George III's child, Ernest, Duke of Cumberland, who in the same year was nearly killed by a mad valet, but lived to be King of Hanover.

Christ's Hospital closed its cockpit 39 years before cock-fighting was made illegal, so that the school's governors must be given credit for the lead thus taken in ending a cruel sport. The premises 8, 10 and 12, Queen Anne's Gate, built in or about 1837, mark the graveyard of this Stuart and Georgian sport. The size of the pit itself and of the spectators' ring can be gathered from the accompanying plan, which (by permission of the Clerk of Christ's Hospital) is based on a plan attached to a deed of 1749.—OLD BLUE, *Christ's Hospital Club, London, E.C.3.*

POLO PLAYING IN CHITRAL

SIR,—It may interest your readers to see a photograph of the British officers' polo team referred to in Brigadier J. G. Smyth's interesting article on polo in Chitral (February 22). Brigadier Smyth is the second from the right.

Chitralis have had increasing cause to appreciate the advantages in polo of teamwork, marking and riding off, for on the previous visit of Lord Rawlinson as Commander-in-Chief in India he succeeded with his staff, which included the redoubtable "Jack" Gannon, "Glen" Macartney and Sir Hissamuddin, in defeating the representatives of Chitral at their own game.

This ancient Persian game of *Chauganbazi* has seen little change in High Asia, but Western influence, with improved grounds, has speeded it up, necessitating a time limit rather than a nine-goal limit. Smooth boulders for goals gave way to flagged goalposts on great occasions, and the regular annual tournaments in Gilgit

and Chitral followed in a golden age of settled rule.—E. H. COBB (Lt.-Col.), *Baughurst, Hampshire.*

UNUSUAL INN SIGNS

SIR,—I enclose a photograph of a carving outside the George Inn, in the Strand, London. The monk is significant, as the site was originally part of the coter Temple, which was owned by the Prior and Canons of the Holy Sepulchre. In Edward III's reign Bishops of Exeter lived there. The religious crusading order, the Knights Templars, worshipped in the Temple Church near by. The inn was once a coffee-house, and its distinguished visitors included the poet Shenstone.—R. D. BARRETT-LENNARD, 13, *Lowndes Square, London, S.W.1.*

FOR BATHING THE POOR

SIR,—Your readers may care to see this photograph of what must surely be one of the original slipper baths. It stands in the old hall of St. Katherine's Chapel, Ledbury. The bath is made of iron plates riveted together and is about five feet long at the base and three feet high. On the front is inscribed in rather indistinct letters the legend: "For the Use of the Inmates of this Hospital and for the Poor of Ledbury. July 1803." Some illegible marks below the date indicate that there was once a quotation from the Scriptures as well. The soap tray in front and the tap for drawing off the water can be seen.

The elderly poor must have found it a considerable acrobatic feat to get in and out, but possibly one of the duties of the warden of the hospital was to help them.

The lettering on the bath was more indistinct when I saw it this year than it was two years ago, and unless some care is given to protect this interesting relic the whole inscription will soon be illegible.—E. M. GARDNER, *Hedd, Llandanwg, Harlech, North Wales.*

THE SURVIVAL OF WITCHCRAFT

SIR,—I have read with interest the article *West Country Witchcraft* (February 22), which calls to mind my being told reliably of a remarkable incident in Wester Ross no more than twenty years ago.

A crofter's daughter, a girl of perhaps thirteen, had all her life suffered from epileptic fits. One day an ancient belief was invoked: that people could rid themselves of this disease by drinking water from the skull of a suicide. By night men went across the moor and returned to the girl's home with such a skull, which they cleaned, filled with water and gave to her. Never again, it is reported, did she suffer a fit, though strong country belief glossed over the possibility that she might simply have outgrown her affliction.—JAMES NOWELL, 49, *West Street, Chichester, Sussex.*

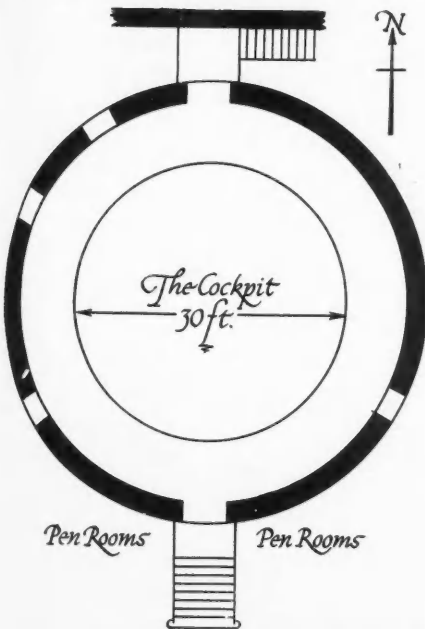


AN INN SIGN IN THE STRAND

See letter: Unusual Inn Signs

ORIGIN OF WORCESTER PARK

SIR,—In the article on James Penne-
thorne (February 22) reference is made to "Thomas Pennethorne, a prosperous maltster from Worcester, who subsequently built Worcester Park." Lest it should be thought that the district derives its name from the circumstance of its builder's origin in Worcester, I would point out that it is named from Worcester House, a mansion in the Great Park of Nonesuch Palace. The house had this name as early as the reign of Charles I, who granted it to Henrietta Maria. John Nash carried out alterations to Worcester House early in the 19th century.—ALFRED ARCHER-COOKE, 61, *Pepys Road, S.W.20.*



PLAN OF THE COCKPIT IN BIRDCAGE WALK, ST. JAMES'S PARK, BUILT IN 1671 AND DEMOLISHED IN 1810

See letter: A Cockpit Closed by a School

A COCKPIT CLOSED BY A SCHOOL

SIR,—The account, in *COUNTRY LIFE* of February 15, of ancient grammar schools' enjoying the profits of cock-fighting has brought to mind the association of Christ's Hospital with the Royal Cockpit in Birdcage Walk, St. James's Park, and the governors' act of closing and demolishing the resort.

Four hundred years ago there was a shoemaker, Richard Castell, who was known as the Cock of Westminster, because of his habit of rising before 4 a.m. to get on with his stitching and nailing. He made enough to be able to bequeath to



A POLO TEAM OF BRITISH OFFICERS AT CHITRAL, ON THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER, SHORTLY BEFORE THE WAR

See letter: Polo Playing in Chitral

DEER NEED A CLOSE SEASON

By G. KENNETH WHITEHEAD

RECENTLY, in the House of Lords, Lord Brouncker put in a plea for a Bill to prevent deer poaching in Scotland and to impose a close season. The Earl of Home, on behalf of the Government, replied that a Poaching Bill was already in draft and that if the farmers and landowners could agree, a close season might be included in it. This was, perhaps, a more satisfactory reply than might at this stage have been expected, and let us hope that such agreement between these interested parties will be forthcoming, and that the long over-due close season for deer will soon be legalised.

There are, however, a number of people other than the deer poacher who fear the possibility of such an event; for the sale of venison throughout practically the whole year, irrespective of its condition, has been a most remunerative business during recent years. Recently a committee under the title of the Red Deer

prohibited during the period, which would, at one blow, destroy the wholesalers' outlet for venison from cold storage, his purchasing capacity and the producers' market; (3) that proprietors will shortly be unable to meet the high proportion of county expenditure, at present defrayed by them through the payment of sporting rates and taxes, unless the rights to preserve the sporting value of their properties be restored to them, unhampered, before the damage already done becomes irreparable; and (4) that, if the right of killing deer upon their lands be vested in their tenant farmers and crofters, those persons would be called upon to meet permanently the greater part of the burden of county expenditure at present borne by their landlords, whose rateable asset and concomitant liability they would have acquired."



A DEER IN GERMANY WITH AN OFFICIAL EAR-TAG SHOWING THAT IT HAS BEEN SHOT LEGALLY. No carcass without such a tag can be accepted by a butcher

(Scotland) Legislative Proposals Committee has been formed, with the intention of distributing propaganda in the form of a memorandum suggesting, primarily, that a close season for deer is unnecessary. This committee, explains the introductory leaflet, "has been drawn up by a small independent committee unconnected with any official bodies whatsoever and formed of persons having long and wide experience of deer and their attendant problems, whose sole object has been to arrive with unbiased fairness at a just and equitable solution of these problems and thereby to safeguard the interests of all parties concerned." The members of the committee (seven sponsors and an executive committee of four), it states, "represent *among themselves* (italics mine) proprietors, landlords, owner farmers, tenant farmers, grazing tenants, shooting tenants and game and venison dealers." All these parties may well be represented among the committee, but they are most certainly not representative of Scotland as a whole, so that why the committee should have adopted the title Red Deer (Scotland) Legislative Proposals Committee is difficult to understand.

The committee are agreed, states the memorandum embodying their views and proposals, "(1) That a legal close season for the killing of deer would be unjust to agricultural interests; (2) that, in addition, a close season would be ineffective unless sales of venison were

which had stood the test of time and been proved to avoid injustice or hardship to any of the parties concerned."

After examining the relationships between the deer-forest owner, the adjacent grouse-moor owner and the tenant farmer as they were before the Agriculture (Scotland) Act of 1948 came into force, the memorandum states: "During the past few years a number of tenant farmers have raised a clamour, stating that the deer have done great damage to their unenclosed sheep grazings. It is worthy of note that in the great majority of cases (italics mine) these persons, when asked to substantiate their accusations, have been unable to show proof of the alleged damage." Many of the complainants admittedly believed that if sufficient clamour were raised, the clause in the 1948 Agriculture (Scotland) Act which allowed tenant farmers to kill deer upon their enclosed land and to sell the carcasses for their own profit would be extended to allow them to do likewise on unenclosed hill grazings.

Farther on the memorandum states: "It would be clearly understood that upon the deer forests, although sheep may be and are grazed upon some part of many of them, the deer are the only economic grazing stock upon by far the greater proportion of the acreage involved and that they do, and always will, produce a higher return in meat than any other stock which might be put upon those grazings—leaving aside the question of the entirely uneconomic return upon the labour and fodder costs involved in the hand feeding during the winter of any stock which might be substituted for them." A fine testimonial this, for Scotland's red deer and one that should be taken to heart by all, as it comes from those who, in the past, have complained most bitterly about the deer.

On enclosed land, I believe that, in the interests of agriculture, it is necessary for the tenant farmer to retain the right to kill deer at any time of the year, provided it is done humanely with a rifle. If he has no such weapon, then the assistance of the stalkers of the ground from which the deer have strayed should be solicited. He should not, however, be in a position to dispose of the venison to anyone except the owner of the ground from which the deer had strayed, who should have to pay him for it. This would be some compensation for any damage that might be alleged to have been done. The owner can then affix his marking tag (which I will explain later) and, if the beast has been killed during the close season, after receiving official sanction of the local A.E.C. to dispose of it, he can sell it to his game dealer in the usual way. In Sweden permission has to be sought before elk, found marauding crops, can be shot outside the four-day season, and though it is never withheld, it does control illegal killing.

As regards poaching, the memorandum suggests that a close season for deer would not materially help, since "there are truly too many unscrupulous butchers and game dealers, who are prepared to accept and, in very many cases, actually solicit the delivery of deer carcasses from any persons whatsoever and no questions asked as to their origin." "In these days," it continues, "most of these butchers and game dealers have a 'chill.' Once a carcass has been in the chill for a few days, no one can prove, when the venison is exposed for sale, that the carcass in question was not killed legitimately during the season and placed in the chill then." Butchers are well represented on the committee, so the committee ought to know.

This difficulty, however, is not unsurmountable. In the State forests of Germany a deer carcass can be accepted by the railways for transit, or by the game dealer, only if it has the official metal tag of the *Forstmeister* of the district in which it was shot attached to its ear. Why could not every deer-forest owner have his own metal tag which could be stapled on to the ear or limb of the deer carcass, and, at the same time, the date the beast was killed be punched on to the tag in the same manner as many dairies date the metal caps of milk bottles? Game dealers should be permitted to accept only carcasses so tagged—and the tags should

The public are invited to support the committee's proposals by signing an appropriate form. Then, armed with these signatures, the committee intend to place their proposals before those who are being called upon to advise the Government on legislation in these matters. As it appears that the memorandum has not been circulated to a large number of deer-forest owners, if, indeed, to any at all, I feel it is only right that its contents should be made as public as possible. It certainly had not reached the notice of the first half-dozen forest owners I asked, although one had heard about it indirectly. The secretary of the British Field Sports Society had had no notification of it, either.

At present, for all practical purposes, the laws governing red deer in Scotland rest in the hands of the various Agricultural Executive Committees, to whom the powers granted to the Minister under the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948, are delegated. In practice this means, states the memorandum, that the A.E.C.s are both accusers and judges in their own cause and that they have complete dictatorship powers, for there is no means of appeal from their decision. "Such a position," it continues, "is not only open to abuse, but is fundamentally opposed to the elementary principles of British Justice." The committee suggest, therefore, that "all that is required is to revert to the Law as it existed in 1939 before the outbreak of war,

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remain on the carcase in the refrigerator until it is cut up. Game dealers could be licensed to deal in venison, and if any licensed dealer was caught trafficking in untagged carcases, or holding carcases in his refrigerator with the seal of the tag broken, he could be heavily fined and his licence withdrawn.

The committee are of the opinion that a Deer Poaching Bill on the lines of the Salmon Bill is necessary and that the penalties for offenders should be sufficiently high as to act as a deterrent to the illegal killing of deer. I agree, for the present penalty of about £2 is totally inadequate when one realises that a single red-deer carcase may fetch £10. I would suggest a fine of at least £50 per carcase for a first offence.

"It may be argued," observes the memorandum, "that in the interests of humanity and the preservation of the deer, a close season should be declared. In this connection it should be pointed out that few complaints of cruelty and no suggestions of the risk of the extermination of the deer were made prior to the outbreak of war in 1939." The position, however, is no longer what it was before the war.

"As the law stands to-day," continues the memorandum, "and under the 1948 Act, there are two chief sources of cruelty—the poachers and the tenant farmers, both of whom use any

and every available type of weapon, including shotguns, against the deer, and the results of whose shooting are, in terms of suffering, too terrible to contemplate." I do not believe that the shotgun is much used by the deer poacher—he is generally in far too big a hurry to get the carcase into the back of his car and away, so that he naturally uses a weapon that is most suited to achieve this. The shotgun, however, is the weapon employed almost universally by the farmer and at the drives organised by the Forestry Commission and by Agricultural Executive Committees. That its use on deer causes endless suffering was the view of the Committee on Cruelty to Wild Animals, which observed in its report that "our opinion is that the shooting of deer with shotguns must inevitably be accompanied by a great deal of suffering." It will thus be seen that in the Red Deer (Scotland) Legislative Proposals Committee the red deer have another enthusiastic champion to fight their cause for the prohibition of shotguns against them.

The deer are, as the memorandum rightly points out, a very real asset both to the Highland community and to the nation at large, for they provide large quantities of venison from grazings that are, in the main, unsuitable for domestic stock. It is only logical, therefore, that

the nation should take care of its assets, not only by providing its deer with a proper close season but also saving them from cruelty by prohibiting the use of shotguns against them.

Since the committee feel so strongly about the welfare of the red deer, I cannot understand why they should insist so strongly against a close season, which surely is the only way to ensure the preservation of the deer and to enable the nation to reap the maximum benefit from the 950-odd tons of venison a year that is available. It seems that their only wish for a twelve-month open season for deer is to enable them to continue making big money during the winter months when the hard weather drives the deer down to the low ground, and, with their wits dulled by cold and hunger, they offer easy targets to anyone so unscrupulous as to take advantage of their plight.

Almost every other country in Europe has a close season for all species of deer and also prohibits the use of shotguns against them, and it is high time this country followed suit. I have reason to believe that Scotland's red deer population is now about 24 per cent. less than in 1938. Though in the more remote glens there is little or no change, in some areas bordering on main roads the local population has all but been wiped out.

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE

A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

IT is time to begin thinking seriously of the University match which will be played at Rye on Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd of this month. The dinner match between the reserves will be on the Thursday, and on the Sunday the combined teams, none the worse, we may trust, for the said dinner, will face the Society. This is the first time that the match has been played at a week-end and I hope that the result will be a considerable influx of old blues, at any rate on the Saturday. I think they ought to see a very good match. I am afraid I have not myself watched the teams as much as I ought, at the moment of writing, having had only two views of Cambridge, and one of Oxford. So I must be a very cautious prophet. I have tried to discover from Mr. Leonard Crawley's writings who is going to win, but he had buttered both sides with too impartial a generosity. However, I believe that in his heart he thinks Cambridge will win and so do I, and so, I find, do most people. We may all be quite wrong and I foresee at best a hard struggle, with some thoroughly ugly moments, in which Mr. Oppenheimer and Mr. Micklem, Oxford's two chief upholders, will dance aggressively with joy and I shall have to lean for support on the Master of Sidney and the Vice-Provost of King's.

Perhaps I am inclined to take too rosy a view of Cambridge after my day of watching them at West Hill. Not only did they win—and win handsomely—against a club they have never beaten before—but the day itself was so perfect. It may have been in February, but it was beyond all question a real spring day. I never saw that pretty place looking prettier, nor snuffed the scent of hot fir woods with a more grateful nose. A kind friend took me in his car to sit by the seventh green, which has as charming a woodland setting as any hole that I know, and in short it was "all very capital." After making all due allowances, however, and admitting that the West Hill side was perhaps a little past its youthful prime, as alas! all clubs are to-day apt to be, I do think that Cambridge did uncommonly well to win by five points and they looked like good golfers.

One interesting, and, to a partisan, pleasing fact about this Cambridge side is that it contains no fewer than four freshmen. Speaking from memory I cannot recall so many in one year before. In my own second year we had a rich and splendid flood of freshmen, Herman de Zoete, P. W. Leathart, Clive Lawrence and B. C. Thompson, of whom the first three played in the side and the fourth was ninth man. I am not going to make invidious comparisons, but at any rate there are four good ones this year—

Alexander, Gillum, Bernie-Adshead the younger, and Johnstone. Freshmen are nowadays a little older than they used to be, owing to National Service, and one of these four is positively venerable, more than three years older than I was when I was captain of the side. That is all the better if they all stay up to play another two years—a good, solid nucleus for future sides. One of the four, A. E. Bernie-Adshead, is, I believe, a genuinely infantile freshman of the older style and he looks like turning out a very good player. Indeed, he is already a good one, with a sound and compact method, holding himself well together, and going very steady and straight. Alexander has a very comfortable Scottish air, and, though I am now told that a "natural" swing is a very dangerous possession, I am old-fashioned enough to enjoy watching what I call natural golfers. Of the elder players on the side, Biggart is always pretty good, and if this time he did not drive as well as usual he made up for it by holing lethal putts. Blair had a good day and Duncan a very good one. I have a notion that he will distress his Oxonian brother by winning both his matches at Rye. Crawley seemed to lose too many balls, but there are no woods at Rye and he played extraordinarily well there last year.

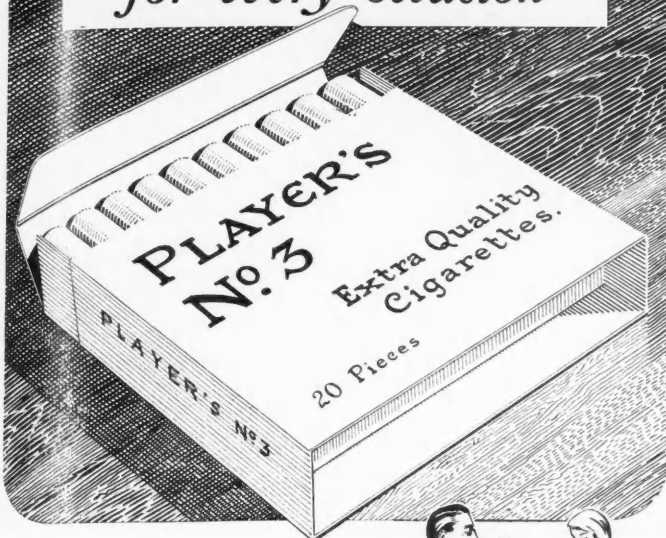
Generally speaking, as indeed must be apparent, I was pleased with Cambridge; but then when I saw Oxford last term I thought they were quite good too, and they are doubtless better now. They have an outstandingly good player in Pitamber. He was going to be good last year, and now that magical doctor, Bill Cox, has not only put a glitter and polish on his game but has made him hit the ball, to use a well-worn simile, like a horse kicking. He is not very big but he hits a very long way. Now and then there comes a single between the two leaders to which every one looks forward as a classical encounter in the annals of this match. "Ah! but you should just have seen the fight between Slogger Williams and Tom Brown!" That sentence, familiar to all who love their *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, comes often to the lips *mutatis mutandis* of those who have watched many Varsity matches. "Ah!" say the very, very old ones, "but you should just have seen Norman Hunter and Johnny Bramston." The more juvenile will substitute perhaps Pat White and Cecil Middleton.

I am not in the confidence of either captain, but assuming the order to be as expected, then I think Biggart v. Pitamber ought to be one of these classical fights. As to the outcome I will say nothing beyond this, that if Oxford could win it, it might make a very great deal of difference.

I gather that the captain, Donald Laidlaw, is now free from the tyrannies of writing a thesis and will have had time to get into real practice. He played very well last year to beat Blair, and if they meet again there will, I fancy, be a passionate desire for revenge in one Cambridge heart. Since their match at Rye, Adams and Hallworth have both come on. Keith Thomas has not perhaps so far quite lived up to his appearance for Wales at St. Anne's in the autumn when he helped so gloriously to rob Ireland of the triple crown, but he is always a very good putter and so to be feared. There is a strong Welsh flavour to this Oxford side, with Lloyd-Owen and Lewis added to Thomas. When I saw Lloyd-Owen playing at Oxford he was holing everything, but presumably he does not always do that. Still, he looked a good putter, which is really more to the point, and Mr. Crawley seems to think alarmingly well of him. Altogether this Oxford team seems a reasonably tough one and while Cambridge were beating West Hill, they were giving the Moles a close run at Huntercombe. I am not uppish, but I think—well, I said what I thought before.

While on the subject of University golf a word is due to the Glasgow University side who issued a challenge to Cambridge and came adventuring to Worlington. I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as Cambridge had clearly enjoyed having them. Worlington with its lovely, icy greens, full of the subtlest runs and borrows, is, as I always fancy, much in favour of local knowledge, but the Glasgow side after a single afternoon's practice seemed to have mastered it, for their opponents spoke to me of their pitching and putting with a reverence verging upon awe. I heard, too, of one Glasgow player who had three twos and a three at that famous and terrifying fifth hole, to which the eleventh at St. Andrews is but a poor thing. That was surely a case of ignorance being bliss. In spite of these desperate feats it was Cambridge that won, but only just, and what would happen in a return match at, let us say, Troon or Western Gailes, I am not prepared to say. Glasgow had two fine young golfers who have made their mark in the Boys' Championship; Armour, who won it a few years since, and Miller, who was Scottish Boy Champion and led the Scottish team two years ago at St. Anne's. I remember watching him play Glover there. At Worlington Biggart just beat him on the last green, and Armour was beaten by Bernie-Adshead, a very considerable feather in that young gentleman's cap. The more matches like this the better. If only there were more time and more money in the world!

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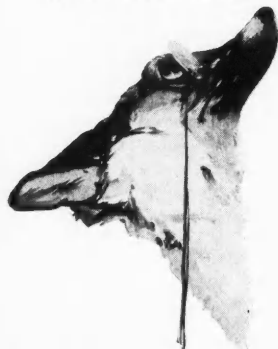
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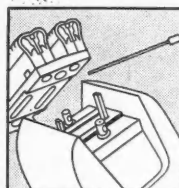
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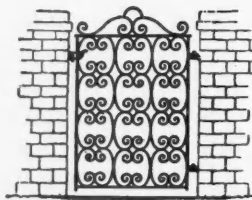
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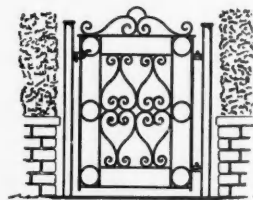
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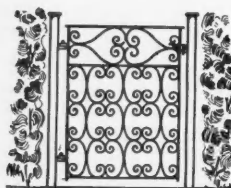
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PANIC IN THE NORTH

By M. HARRISON-GRAY

ONE of my pet aversions, the "Weak Two," has long been off the secret list and was used by both teams in the world championship match last November between U.S.A. and Italy.

The drama described below has a certain amount of human interest and brings out a point I have already raised—the very minor part played in this match by rival bidding systems. Both teams used the same conventional Weak Two opening, but the bid was only made at one table.

♠ Q J 8 4 3 2		♠ Q J 8 4 2	
♥ ...		♥ 10 9 5	
♦ 9 8		♦ Q J 10 9 7	
♣ A K 7		♣ A J 6 4 2	
♠ A K 5 3		♠ ...	
♥ 3		♥ ...	
♦ K 9 7 5 3		♦ ...	
♣ ...		♣ ...	
♠ 6		♠ 6	
♥ 8 6 4 2		♥ 8 6 4 2	
♦ K Q 10 7 5		♦ K Q 10 7 5	
♣ A 10 6		♣ A 10 6	

Dealer, North. Neither side vulnerable.

In Room 1 the Americans, Becker and Crawford, sat North and South respectively. This was the bidding:

North	East	South	West
No bid	No bid	1 Diamond	2 Spades
4 Spades	5 Hearts	No bid	No bid
No bid			

West's jump overcall of Two Spades is the Marmik method of suggesting length and strength in the two unbid suits, Hearts and Clubs, but it is not a typical example. The effect on North was remarkable. His leap to Four Spades shows all the inconsistency of the American expert—tortuous, ultra-cautious in normal bidding situations, but panic-stricken when the enemy show signs of aggression.

Becker's treatment of the North hand is worth examining in detail. He knows next to nothing about his partner's hand. West has advertised a Heart-Club two-suiter; the adverse Spades, if stacked, will be with East. South may well turn up with nothing in Spades, but enough strength to defeat in comfort a game contract in Hearts, the only suit that North has cause to fear; the fact that he is, himself, void in Hearts would lead most players to suspect an awkward break of the suit for declarer.

The loss in Four Spades doubled may be astronomical—and what does the bid stand to gain? The pre-empt is made *after* the Italian West has had the chance to make his strength-showing overcall—which leaves East in an ideal position to choose between a penalty double and a safe call in one of the unbid suits. It would be far more logical to open on the North hand with a pre-emptive call such as Three Spades—the disruptive effort is at least made *before* the opponents had established their communications.

In practice, on the normal lead of a Heart, North would be lucky to make more than five tricks in Four Spades doubled; 900, say, to shut out a contract of Five Hearts—which can only be made at double dummy, even if not broken automatically by the initial lead of a trump.

Crawford actually led the King of Diamonds and the contract was made. There has been the usual *ex post facto* criticism: all writers, it appears, would have led a trump "on the bidding." They forgot the implications of the Marmik bid of Two Spades. Crawford obviously feared the Dummy would contain a powerful side suit in Clubs, and was concerned with developing a possible line of defence before his Ace was knocked out.

The actual play is shrouded in mystery. *The Bridge World* merely states that the Diamond lead made 11 tricks "easy on a cross-ruff." This, of course, is not so. East can only make 11 tricks this way by ruffing the third Diamond with Dummy's Five of Hearts, and the risk of an over-ruff is far too great. East must suspect that North is short in Diamonds and cannot possibly know that he is void in Hearts. Crawford gets a good mark for not doubling and thereby giving the declarer a clue.

According to another report, East tried to make the eleventh trick by leading Spades twice towards Dummy, on the principle that South was welcome to ruff since he would, in effect, be trumping the losing Seven of Spades. Crawford did, in fact, ruff the second Spade lead and exit with a trump—the killing defence—but there must have been a slip-up towards the end.

The American North failed to open with Two Spades although, judging from some of the Weak Two's I have seen, the hand fully qualified. In Room 2, however, his Italian *vis-à-vis* jumped at the opportunity and started a veritable Mad Hatter's Tea Party:

North	East	South	West
2 Spades	No bid	2 No-Trumps	Double
3 Clubs	4 Hearts	No bid	No bid
4 Spades	No bid	5 Clubs	5 Hearts
No bid	No bid	Double	No bid
6 Clubs	No bid	No bid	Double

The bidding, if examined closely, is seen to develop into a competition between Ricci (North) and Stayman (West) to prevent their own respective sides from scoring on the hand. The other two—Rapee (East) and Chiaradia (South)—virtually played the part of spectators on the touchline.

Once again there was an all-revealing Italian system bid in the auction. In their version of the Weak Two, South's Two No-Trumps shows a good hand, but an intense dislike of Spades; it is a command to North to name the secondary suit which is usually a feature of a Weak Two hand.

Rapee (East) seems to have heeded the warning of distributional rocks ahead, otherwise he would surely have gone to Six after Stayman's persistent "leaning forward." It is true that Rapee twice passed up the opportunity to double North or mention his Diamond suit, but there was much to be said for these "forcing" passes. He was far better for slam purposes than he might have been; following his original

pass, he would have jumped to Four Hearts on many worse hands after Stayman's double of Two No-Trumps, which was presumably intended for a take-out.

Possibly the two Americans were playing for a joint coup, hoping to be doubled in a seemingly reluctant contract of Six Hearts. It is more likely that Stayman was playing a lone hand, seeking immortality as the man who wanted a better price than a mere penalty of 700 off Five Clubs doubled. Five Hearts would have brought in no more than 450 (or 650 if doubled), even if made—and Chiaradia's finger, one suspects, was already twitching on a prospective trump lead.

Had Stayman redoubled, there might have been some logic behind his chain of bids and the feeblest shadow of an excuse for Ricci's display of panic. The rescue bid of Six Clubs was a golf club effort of the worst type. He had promised nothing in defence.

The theoretical merit of the Weak Two is that it robs the opponents of at least one round of bidding, which may be just enough to shut them out of the auction or to steer them into the wrong contract. The effect in this case was to goad West into overbidding his hand, hypnotised by the almost certain knowledge that his partner was void in Clubs. The Italians had not only escaped from mortal peril, they were actually in a position to take a penalty off East-West.

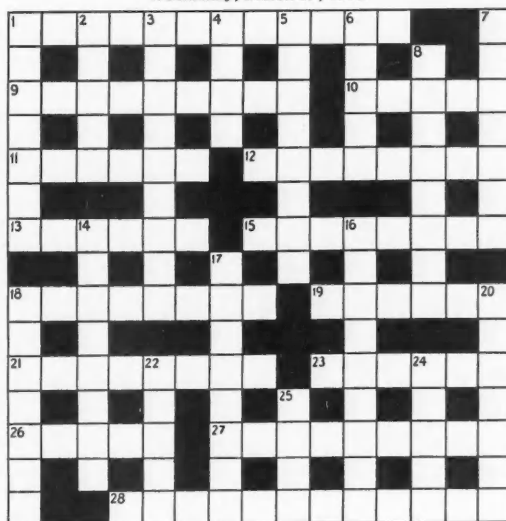
But, as happens so often in less eminent circles, the advantage was thrown away through trusting the opponents rather than the partner. Ricci emerged a clear "winner" from his peculiar duel with Stayman.

Six Clubs doubled was five down. Five Hearts doubled, in all probability, would have gone one down—a turnover of exactly 1,000 points.

The loss cannot fairly be attributed to the Weak Two, for the convention was mangled; it was due not so much to the system as to the players behind the system.

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ACROSS

- Middle Lodge might be a suitable name for it (7, 5)
- It was a famous victory, but a little later than Blenheim (9)
- Fish in amber got out (5)
- Marquessate and bishopric (6)
- No crop is to be obtained from it as a sign (8)
- Covering of a sort in which he is to be found among a confusion of hats (6)
- Sleeveless jumper with pocket in front (8)
- A Scotsman acquires a different nationality after meeting a saint (8)
- Not boards precisely, nor always composed of them (6)
- What the waterhen exclaimed on encountering her mate? (8)
- From corn it turned to fruit (6)
- "Thank Him who—us here"—Tennyson (5)
- Open to persuasion by a pamphlet-writer? (9)
- Made by young giants as they grow up (5, 7)

DOWN

- The owls' instruments in the dawn orchestra? (7)
- A place for Sir Oliver (5)
- Norfolk village giving title to an Irish peer (9)
- "And all I ask is a merry— from a laughing fellow-rover"—Masefield (4)
- Is it advisable always to wear one in 3 down? (8)
- Twilight's livery as Milton described it (5)
- Lest we forget (7)
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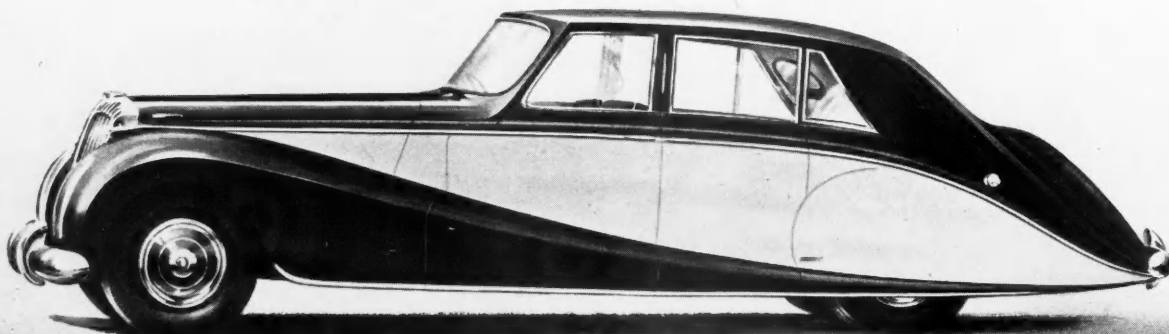


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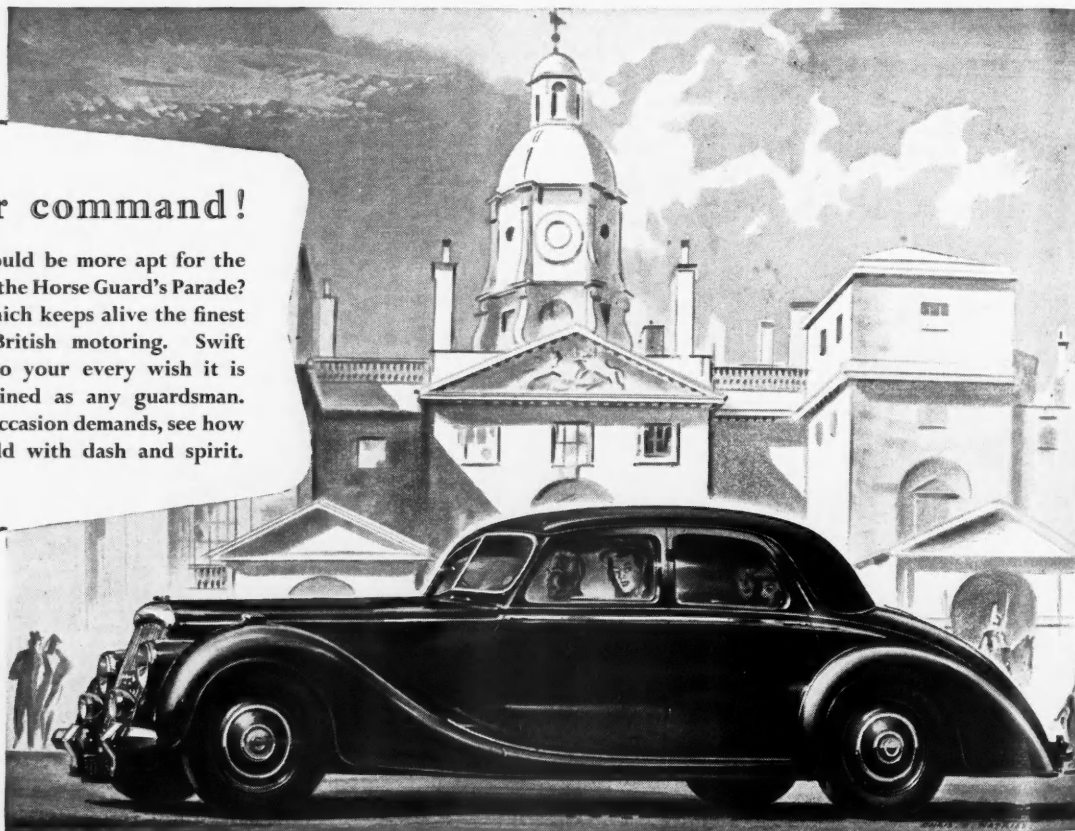
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Not long ago Sir Bernard Docker, when criticising certain aspects of the Town and Country Planning Act, observed that towns, villages, factories and houses had a habit of thriving where they grew naturally, and this view would seem to imply that much of our planning is being conducted under false premises. Certainly it would seem to indicate distrust of such a measure as the New Towns Act of 1946, which provides for the creation of "self-contained and balanced communities for work and living" on a site designated by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. It may be of interest, therefore, to note a few of the considerations involved in the planning of a new town as set out by Mr. Bryan L. Richards, chief estates officer to the Crawley Development Corporation.

EMPLOYMENT THE FIRST REQUIREMENT

"IF new towns are to be self-contained communities," remarked Mr. Richards in a paper read to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, "the first requirement is that employment must be available in the town." For this reason, the establishment of industry was usually one of the first and most important tasks. The first industrialists had to be attracted at a stage when little actual development was visible and when the surveyor had little to show except the Master Plan—which outlined only the completed town—and such development as might already exist in the designated area. The industrialist would look at this plan with a non-technical eye, but he would certainly need to be satisfied that it was one that would produce a good town in which to live or work, and was one that could be carried out.

At Crawley, Mr. Richards's first task, when he took up his duties in August, 1947, was to interest industrialists in the new project. Just over two years later roads and sewers had been constructed to open up approximately 50 acres of land, and the first large factory, built on a ground-leased site, and the first group of factories erected by the Corporation were all under construction. The estate is being developed in sections to avoid dead capital, and the opening up of a further 30 acres was not undertaken until the original area had been disposed of. The site development works for the second section were begun last autumn and are now almost complete.

SELECTION OF RESIDENTS

THE answer to the question "How can I get a house in a new town?" depended on the town and the circumstances of the enquirer, said Mr. Richards. So far as Crawley was concerned, generally speaking only those coming to work in the town could qualify for a house, and most of the industrial workers being housed were people working in London factories that were moving to the new town. Of course, not all the workers were moving with their firms, and the balance was made up from two sources. A large proportion of those moving brought a family, and these families contained people who might travel backwards and forwards to their old

job for a time, but who preferred to work locally as soon as there was an opening for them. If suitable people were not available locally, people living in London, but prepared to move, were engaged through the Employment Exchange and housed in the new town, preference being given to those on the housing lists of local authorities.

FARMERS DISCOURAGED

CONCERN about the increase of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the rate of interest on loans in respect of agricultural mortgages and improvements is expressed by the Country Landowners' Association, who say that it will tend to discourage much-needed investment in buildings, drainage and other fixed equipment so necessary to increased production. They add that where improvements are in fact carried out owners will be obliged to pass on to their tenants the increased cost of borrowing the necessary capital, and point out that there is an economic limit to the value of any improvement to a farmer. They also state that the increased rate of interest on loans will handicap occupiers wishing to buy their farms, since they will have to lock up more capital in ownership, with a consequent reduction in working capital.

RECENT SALES BY AUCTION

RECENT sales by Messrs. Chamberlaine-Brothers and Harrison include that of the Manor Farm, Middleton Scriven, near Bridgnorth, Shropshire. The property, a T.T. attested dairy and arable holding of 220 acres, was submitted to auction with vacant possession on March 25 next, but failed to reach its reserve. It was sold immediately afterwards, however, to the man who had been responsible for the highest bid in the sale-room, and it is understood that the price paid was "in keeping with current values."

The following day the same firm of estate agents submitted Stone Acton, a small farm at Rushbury, near Church Stretton, and, after an opening bid of £10,000, it was sold for £15,000.

Another small property that has changed hands recently is Silverton Park, a Georgian house with two cottages, T.T. buildings and 130 acres situated approximately seven miles to the north-east of Exeter. Messrs. James Styles and Whitlock and Messrs. Hewitt and Co. were the agents.

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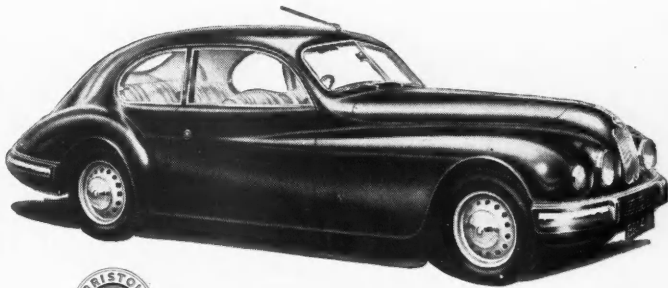


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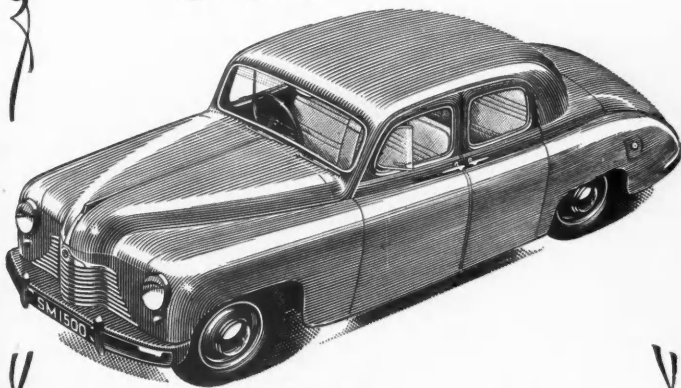
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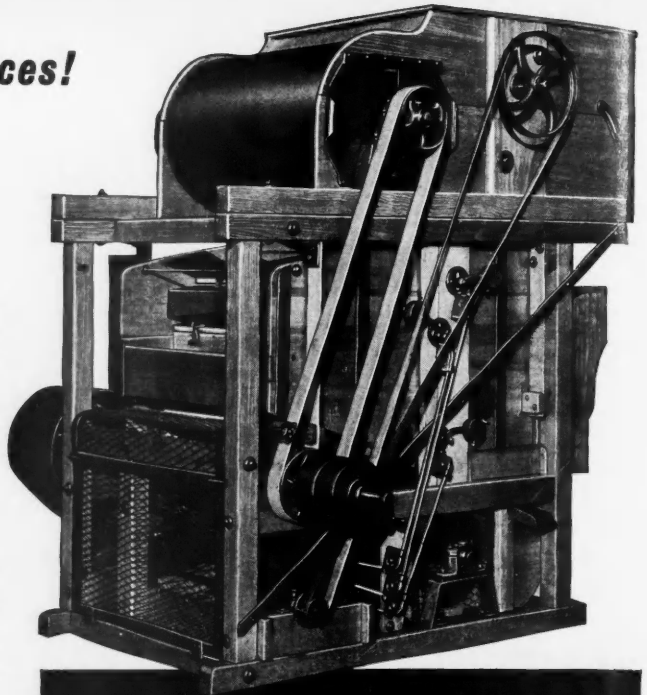
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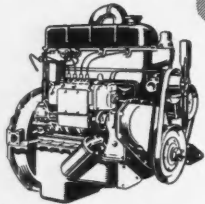
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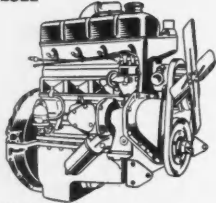
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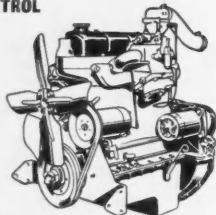
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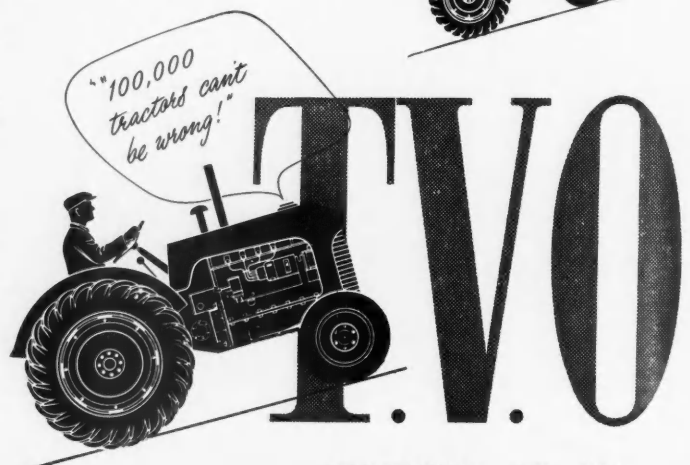
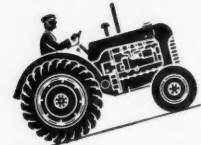


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FARMING NOTES

HORSE AND DOG FARMERS

SO much is heard now about the need for more tillage that it was time to say a word for the Midland grazier who manages his permanent grass excellently well to produce meat. Mr. Maurice Passmore told the Farmers' Club last week that some Midland land is more productive than much of the land in the eastern counties where cash crops are the main concern. He spoke as one who has about half his farm in rotation grass and re-seeded pastures, and the other half in good permanent grass. He favours ploughing as much as possible to grow corn, which is far more profitable than meat if conditions are suitable, and he agrees that Midland farmers have not half used the plough yet, just for re-seeding. The class of cattle being grazed has changed during the last twenty years, barren cows taking the place of bullocks to a large extent, and the four-year-old Welsh runts and similar cattle have gone. Mr. Passmore urged that the cross-beef calves from the dairy herds and the pure beef stores in the hills should be wintered as stores and that it is more economical to let these cattle grow on to be finished as beef off grass at 3½ years old to weigh 14 cwt. rather than attempt to finish them a year younger by feeding corn. With feeding-stuffs and wages at present levels, summer finishing is obviously most economical, but there must be a fair price paid for fat cattle in the late summer and autumn. Government policy in recent years has been to discourage the autumn marketing of fat cattle and give inducements to out of season finishing in the spring and early summer. The purpose has been to spread the supply of fat cattle through the year. The right course surely is to provide proper facilities for killing and storing fat stock at the time when it is most economical to finish them. As in New Zealand, killing facilities must fit production. We used to call the graziers dog and stick farmers. Mr. Passmore prefers "horse and dog." As he said, the whole business is not one of looking over the gate or sitting on a horse. Success depends on keen observation of cattle and grass, knowing which land will fatten bullocks and which is only good enough for heifers, and knowing how to use fertilisers to get the steady rate of herbage growth that fattening stock need.

Deferred Service

ABOUT 10,000 farm-workers, mostly eighteen-year-olds, will be called up for National Service this year. This is rather fewer than was expected when the exemption "blanket" was removed from agriculture last year. But it does mean that out of the total of 900,000 farmers and farm-workers, about 20,000 will in future be away doing National Service. This is not a high proportion, but at the same time agriculture is losing about 18,000 regular workers annually. Clearly this drain of manpower cannot go on indefinitely without gravely affecting production on many farms. This is recognised by the Government, although not as fully as it should be. About half the young men due for National Service have had their call-up deferred, and it has been decided that this deferment will now be given for twelve months where a substitute cannot be found. Conditions vary a good deal from one part of the country to another, and there are districts where labour is already so short that no young men should be taken from the farms, provided of course, that they are doing a genuine job of work.

An 87-hour Week

IF evidence is wanted of the wholehearted interest which the best farm-workers take in their jobs it is to be found in the time-sheet of a tractor-driver which showed that he put in 87 hours in one week, discing in front of the seed drills. He was indeed a key man setting the pace for spring sowing. He found as much satisfaction in this achievement as did the farmer. For a long time the land had been too wet for working, but when the opportunity came, not an hour was wasted. No one suggests that 87 hours should be the normal working week for anyone in any industry, but would not a little overtime in the building trade during the spring and summer make a great difference to the house-building rate?

Egg Cheques

FOR December my egg cheque was £117, for January £67, and for February £42. This is a shattering drop in income, offset only a little by savings in the feeding-stuff bill because some judicious culling was done and we have fewer birds to feed. It illustrates the absurd degree to which a "disincentive" is being applied to spring egg production. Labour costs remain as before, and feeding-stuffs have been reduced by 10 per cent, and the income by 60 per cent. No wonder farmers are getting rid of their hens, reckoning that they will not lay enough eggs in the next few weeks to pay their way. The Ministry of Food has announced that the packing station price will be kept at 3s. 7d. a dozen until the end of March and not drop to the 3s. 1d., as was threatened. Even so, this is too low; spring eggs should not fall below 4s. a dozen.

Lime on Grass

MANY of us ought to be making more use of the lime subsidy to get ley fields sweetened to give more palatable growth. One field which cattle grazed closely in part last summer proved on a soil test to be deficient in lime just where stock had neglected the herbage, leaving it to grow coarse. A proper lime content is essential to full production, and unless there is enough lime in the soil, fertilisers supplying nitrogen and potash cannot work to full effect. For some reason there has been a considerable falling off in the use of lime in the last year or two. Saving on this is false economy. Lime matters as much to grass as it does to tillage crops.

Herbs

THERE is always a demand on the wholesale market for such culinary herbs as fresh mint, parsley, sage and thyme, and they are also wanted for preparing dried kitchen herbs. We do not use such quantities of flavouring herbs as our forefathers did. They liked food highly spiced, partly as an aid to preservation or to cloak insipid decay, and partly, no doubt, to stimulate appetite during gargantuan meals. A Ministry of Agriculture Bulletin No. 76 (Stationery Office, 1s. 9d.) states that parsley, sage and mint are grown in every English market gardening district and describes the minor culinary herbs, such as balm, used for flavouring and for making balm tea for invalids; basil, which was formerly used considerably in the famous Fetter Lane sausages; borage, the flowers of which are liked by bees and the leaves of which go into claret cup; chervil, used for flavouring salads and soups; chives, a mild substitute for onions and marjoram, one of the mixed herbs used for flavouring stews and soups; savory, used like thyme for preparing juggled hare and flavouring soups and stews. CINCINNATUS.



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NEW BOOKS

THE LONELINESS OF BARABBAS

Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

LET us look this week at half a dozen novels: English, Spanish, Swedish, and one from Cape Breton. The outstanding one in the bunch is Mr. Pär Lagerkvist's *Barabbas*, beautifully translated by Mr. Alan Blair (Chatto and Windus, 7s. 6d.). To say that a book is beautifully translated from a language with which one is not acquainted—in this case Swedish—may sound odd and pretentious. But a reader has a feeling for these things. The simplicity and precision of the English Mr. Blair uses is in perfect tune with the author's theme, and one feels that

Mr. Lagerkvist asks: What kind of man was Barabbas likely to have been up to this moment, and what is likely to have been the effect upon him of the part he was forced into in that tragedy? The book is the answer to these two questions, and the person created is profoundly convincing and moving. At many points Barabbas comes into touch with the growing belief in the resurrection, the conviction that what had happened was crucial in the history of man and God. He feels the stir of the birth-pangs of the early Church, though as yet it is a Church unformulated and

BARABBAS. By Pär Lagerkvist. Translated by Alan Blair (Chatto and Windus, 7s. 6d.)

THE SECRET WOMAN. By Eden Phillpotts (Westaway, 10s. 6d.)

EACH MAN'S SON. By Hugh MacLennan (Heinemann, 12s. 6d.)

SHOUT ALOUD SALVATION. By Charles Terrot (Collins, 10s. 6d.)

A YEAR AMONG THE MEN. By Noël Claraso Translated by Samuel Hood-Smith (Skeffington, 10s. 6d.)

CALL ME EARLY. By Angela Wyndham Lewis (Peter Davies, 10s. 6d.)

just such down-to-the-bone and supple writing must have been used in the Swedish. In the same way, when we come in a moment to the translation from the Spanish, it will be permissible to wonder whether the author is well served by such a sentence as this: "During my five years' course I learned how to exchange the jargon of the text-books for coteries of young intellectuals and for a disproportionate taste for literature." Without the Spanish before me, I am not sure what this means; but I have a feeling—and accepting a translation is a matter of feeling—that it would go better if rendered something like this: "During my five years' course I got on better with groups of young intellectuals than with text-book jargon, and I did a lot of indiscriminate reading."

Barabbas, already translated into a number of languages and awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, has been acclaimed as a great novel, and so it is. So far as I am concerned, I can get some measurement of its impact on my mind from this fact: that normally novels founded on Bible stories, whether of the New Testament or the Old, repel me and leave me with a sense that the vast elaboration—these books are usually vast—has belittled the original simple statement. In the present case, I do not find an incident—not a word—that fails to deepen a most moving impression. One of the Gospels tells us that Barabbas was a robber, and he must have been outside the run of petty thieves, for another Gospel calls him "a notable prisoner." We know the story: how the crowd, given the option of having Jesus or Barabbas released to them, shouted for Barabbas. And that is all the Gospels tell us.

underground; and the sense of his own part in this high matter—that the condition on which his own life was spared was the death of one widely and sincerely worshipped as God himself—drives him into a desert of loneliness and self-loathing that is marvellously conveyed. As a psychological study of a lonely soul, a man convinced that he is beyond divine redemption and outside all permitted sympathies of humanity, the book has a grand stark beauty. Even at the end, when he is one of a body of "criminals" crucified two by two, he is the odd man. There is no partner for him; he died alone. On the cross, between the stirrup and the ground, he utters words into which we may read his redemption. But we are not sure: he dies, a tragic enigma.

Eden Phillpotts, in his nineties, is still with us and still writing. Fifty years have passed since his hey-day, since *The Virgin in Judgment*, *The Mother*, and the other novels by which his reputation must stand or fall. It is inevitable that, in looking at his books of this period, we should take Hardy as the measuring-rod. Both writers use a background of natural grandeur. Both see men as tragically dwarfed by the scene. Both use the rustic chorus as a relief to the surge forward upon disaster of the outstanding characters. Phillpotts's *The Secret Woman* was published in 1905, which is ten years after the publication of Hardy's last novel. It is now re-published (Westaway Books, 10s. 6d.) and it bears re-reading.

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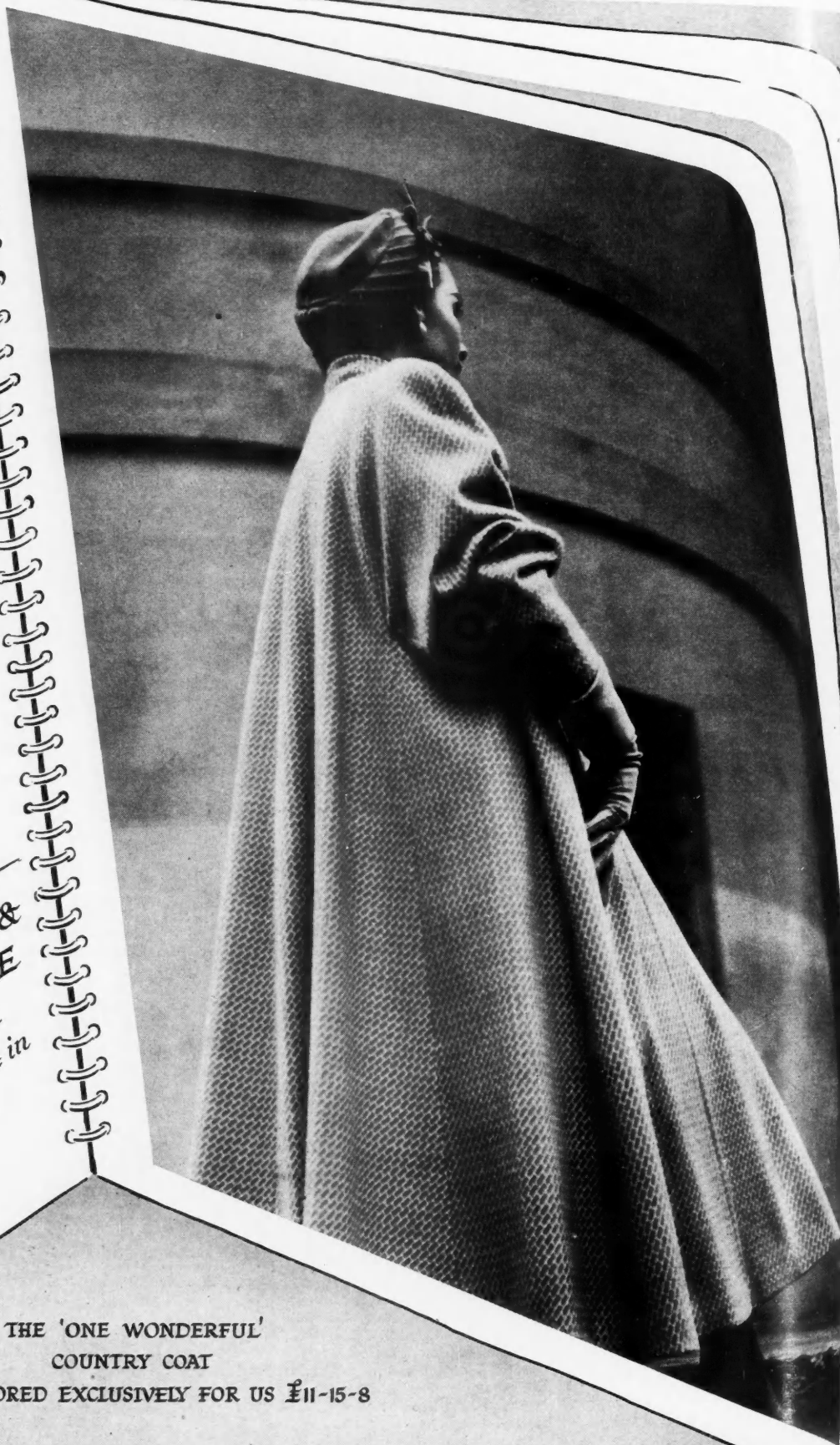
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well calculated to produce that devastating smash-up of human lives that both Hardy and Phillpotts could handle so movingly. Where I feel Phillpotts does not come up to the standard of his great exemplar—I am speaking only of this present book—is in his failure to integrate men's work with the theme. All the way through in Hardy we have those entrancing pictures: the trees being planted in *The Woodlanders*, the dairy-farming in *Tess*, and all the rest of it. This is more than background: it is the very stuff of men's lives made manifest. In *The Secret Woman* we have nothing of this sort, but we do have an over-burdening amount of talk about life and about such matters as the contrasting view of the rational and intuitive mind. The rustics are good, and a consolation. "An', when all's said, there's Eternity," added Mr. Tapp in a cheering voice. "No man can be more gladsome and worldly—in reason—than me of a working-day, or on a holiday morning; but you'll find no lightness in me of a Sabbath, an' you ought to know it by now." However, despite tedium and discursiveness, the heart of the book is deep and moving, and it has a thing or two to teach some of our over-confident contemporaries.

A TOUGH COMMUNITY

They say that no book with a doctor for hero can fail to find readers, and Mr. Hugh MacLennan's *Each Man's Son* (Heinemann, 12s. 6d.) has more than this to commend it. For one thing, the scene is unusual: the island called Cape Breton which is separated by a narrow strait from the north-east corner of Nova Scotia at the entrance to the St. Lawrence River. Mr. MacLennan takes us to this hard-bitten territory in the years just before the 1914 war, and introduces us to a community as tough as the land, mostly Highland Scots employed in the local coalmines and living in poverty touching on squalor, relieved by drunkenness that culminates in frequent violence.

There was plenty for Dr. Ainslie to do in such a setting, and he welcomed the turmoil, for his domestic life was unhappy. He himself, to save her life, had performed upon his wife an operation which meant she could have no children: and the sterile future bedevilled his home.

Living in miners' row was a woman with a delicate but promising boy, and the doctor's growing affection for this Alan MacNeil, his wish to train the child to fill the void in his life, is the heart of the book. Alan's father was a professional pugilist who had left the island years ago, who was on the down-grade both as a boxer and in every other sense, and whom Ainslie believed, and secretly hoped, would never return. But he did, with devastating consequences.

The author leaves an authentic feeling in the mind. He gets inside things. A doctor's son himself, he can show us convincingly Ainslie at work in the hospital; and no less convincing are his pictures of the natural scene, of Alan's father in the prize-ring, of the miners dulling their calvinistic consciences in the pubs. It is altogether better than the usual run of novels.

EARLY DAYS OF THE "ARMY"

Mr. Charles Terrot, who recently gave us a novel founded on the lives of Miss Nightingale's nurses in the Crimea, now turns his attention to a

couple of young women who joined the Salvation Army in its early days. *Shout Aloud Salvation* (Collins, 10s. 6d.) is a "documentary" novel. It is a vehicle for showing the sort of things that happened to young people who "consecrated eccentricity and sensationalism to Christ's service." Janine and her friend Maud, two middle-class Whitby girls, who joined the "Army" in the 1870s, are here simply to show us that. They are lay figures. Maud was destined to die at the hands of a mob. Janine was destined to marry into an ancient family and to have her butler and carriage. But that doesn't matter. The thing is: is this an authentic picture of the sort of thing that could happen to young women in those days, leaving the conventional love-story out of it? It is a matter of historical record that it is.

In order to cover as much ground as possible, Mr. Terrot gives Janine a variety of experience. She labours in various parts of England, fighting against drink in the slums, encountering the organised violence of interested parties. She goes to New York, and there finds conditions even worse than in England. She returns to London in time to find W. T. Stead preparing his campaign against the white slave traffic, and voluntarily enters the house of a white-slaver in order to provide him with first-hand facts. Perhaps her experience was a bit more crowded than would have been likely to fall to the lot of one girl; but Mr. Terrot is out to cover as wide a social field as possible and uses Janine ruthlessly. Looked at from that point of view, his book succeeds. It is a peep through many dirty windows that the "Army" had an honourable part in cleaning.

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A GIRL IN PARIS

Rosemary, the heroine of Angela Wyndham Lewis's first novel *Call Me Early* (Peter Davies, 10s. 6d.) was a gauche youngster studying in Paris. Some of her friends persuaded her to buy a "Paris model" dress, to have her hair done in a different way, and to draw her mouth in a different place. She was then glamorous and attracted the attention of Bill Wyatt, who worked in the American Embassy and had an endless collection of swoony gramophone records. Even after love-making, Bill would reach out of bed and switch on a record. He was, also, notorious as "a fully fledged wolf," and Angela, having got into trouble through missing lessons at school, had at any rate learned a few lessons from life. The wolf was soon after new prey, and she realised that, like so many others, she had loved not wisely but too well. We leave her at home with her people in England, resolved that after the holidays she will take a course at the Sorbonne in Art and Civilisation. A very sensible notion.

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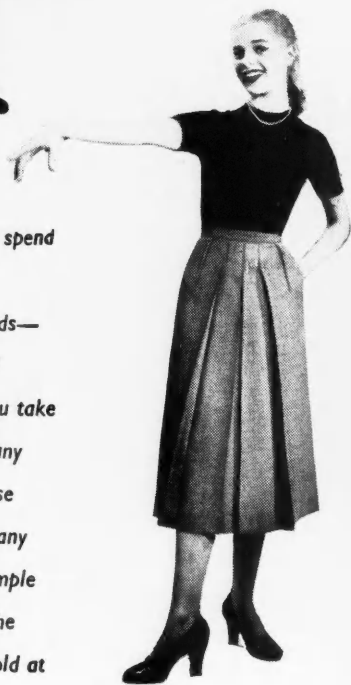
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New fabrics are the attractive silk tweeds with their uneven bouclé surface and practical, creaseless qualities; others look much the same but are a mixture of silk and wool. There are showerproofed ottoman silks; shot woollen worsteds with a silken sheen; pin-checked worsteds; slub woollens; thick light woollens woven with raised pile dots or with the pile used for self-stripes. The heavy poult, ottoman silks and fleecy woollens of last year continue in numbers.

Among the colours there is a strong liking for all biscuit and golden brown tones among fine woollens, such as gaberdine and the twill weaves. Black and white or silvery grey and black mixtures appear again and again among the silk tweeds. Both white and off-white are shown by the Mayfair *couturiers* for both types of coats in wool and in silk. Chamois yellow and butter yellow are favourites for the casual type of coat in one of the thick fleecy woollens or in tweed mixtures, when they combine with



A court shoe with deep-cut sides designed by Lotus in pure silk tweed piped with black

either brown or grey. Silk dust coats flowing in gores from shoulder to hem often take a gay lining, or are themselves brilliant.

The capacious pocket placed very low on each front is frequent. Sometimes this is a deep patch pocket, sometimes a kidney shape, or it is set into a semi-circular opening. On the fitted coats, pockets are equally obvious but generally of the inset type with a long narrow flap. Collars have become narrow rolls added to the coat itself in many instances; shoulders are narrow and unpadded, sleeves and armholes wide and deep. Travel coats, whether in camel, mohair or tweed, smooth cloth town coats and silken dust coats all follow



Flecked pure silk tweed in black and white giving the overall effect of grey makes a coat with a swirling hemline. The wide sleeves and yoke are cut in one and piped with black. The coat is lined with black and worn over a full-skirted, perfectly plain frock in the same material. Hardy Amies

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these main styling trends with only a few deviations.

A new silk for waterproofs, "double-sheen" crêpe, is presented in the spring Dannimac collection. This resembles a marocain with an infinitesimal rib in the weave and has a silky sheen as well as being light and durable. Dannimac show it for many types of coats that incorporate the styling details of the *couturiers* with full back, slanting pockets placed high in front on the seams of the raglan sleeves, or deep and low in front, deep armholes, coolie neckbands and deep pockets. A reversible showerproofed silk is another material in this range, lightweight and durable, shown for belted coats with attractive dustmen's hats to match up to the paler shade, the colour schemes being usually black with either dahlia red or a pale gold. The "falcon" hood is another innovation—a hood of the southwester persuasion with a scoop brim that can be folded back, when it looks more like a turban. Another has a drawstring across the nape of the neck holding down many folds. For wearing in the country, heavy double

mackintoshes are cut on the lines of a riding mackintosh, but in gay colour contrasts. They, too, have smart hats to match with stitched turn-down brims and oval crowns.

In the Harrods collection in the French room coats that flow in ample gores from narrow shoulders appear for all occasions. For everyday wear there is a charming banana wool coat with raglan sleeves; it is held under the turn-down collar with a long tie of brown chiffon. For more dressy summer occasions is a black poult lined with raspberry pink. An excellent clerical grey worsted coat closely fits the waist and has a full swirling hemline with semi-circular sections accented by lines of buttons placed over the padded hips and again on the top. A charming three-quarter coat in warm cyclamen wool with a deep stitched hem is cut on straight lines.

The softer tones of yellow came in for a lot of attention. Among many, an attractive slender dress draped to a floating side panel was shown in banana silk marocain, the neckline low and square, the tiny folded sleeves covering the tops of the arms. Another was a completely simple coatfrock in a woollen

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shantung in corn yellow. The majority of evening dresses, both long and short, were in combinations of black and white, or undiluted black or undiluted white. A short black lace dress with a plain, closely fitting top with a U neckline and long clinging sleeves had the design picked out in sequins; a short crisp white organza, very full in the skirt, had its simple high top with narrow turndown collar and silver sequins lightly scattered across the shoulders.

For grand occasions, the bouffant white dresses varied from ballerina length to full length. A white tulle frock that reached the ground was covered by a light drift of black lace that formed an overskirt with a tight black velvet bodice and narrow black shoulder straps. A ballerina-length white tulle had the fragile black Chantilly lace applied as a deep band to make the bodice and another just below the waist. A most elegant short-skirted black lace, fragile as a cobweb, was cut with long tight transparent sleeves, a high plain tightly fitted top, and a full skirt that could be gathered into the tiny waist.

VARIOUS facts stand out when summing up the summer styles. There is great play with colour. The dark greens replace navy in many instances, both as coats and suits. The bosky greens are not offset by white but by the pale creamy yellows. A dark green coat, much waisted and very closely fitting about the bodice, will be shown over a chamois yellow wool dress or a mixture tweed in yellow, green and grey wool cut on slender lines and then again over a bouffant dress, either in printed organza, in fine cotton or in pure silk crêpe. The afternoon dresses are made with practically no sleeves, completely simple bodices and enormous skirts. Combinations of yellows and greens and brown with white and lime green are most attractive; there are also some butter-yellow prints on white which are charming



Fitted coat designed by Lachasse in jade green Nottingham lace in a scroll and floral pattern over navy taffeta. The hips are padded slightly; the seams drop over the shoulder to indicate breadth. The circular skirted dress underneath is navy faille



A casual tweed coat with deep armholes and wide sleeves that can be pushed up or be worn down to the wrists. The deep yoke nearly reaches the waistline both back and front; melon-shaped pockets open by vertical slits. The colours are mushroom brown and cream. Digby Morton

in crêpe de chine. Designs are geographical—that is, one of the butter-yellow and white prints looks like a rather distorted map of England that has been disposed all over the white ground. The same print dresses are then often shown in the collections under a straight dust coat in stiff silk. Colours for these dust coats vary tremendously; they are black or tobacco brown, navy, white, silver grey, lilac, cyclamen pink, mignonette green or ice blue. The white look tremendously smart and fresh over any one of the prints in rather large splashy, irregular designs that are fashionable.

Both the fitted and the straight coats in all the Mayfair collections have appeared with the smartest, neatest possible hats, oval-shaped, half-moon shaped or jaunty sailors with flat brims slightly wider each side than front and back. The hats rest on the hairline and the hair is kept very short and exceedingly trim. Enormous hats also are shown with silk coats, transparent drooping mushroom shapes in transparent black tulle, coolie hats with flat "cane" brims or rice straw brims.

Many hats are two-coloured and gay as they can be with shallow emerald or violet, cherry or corn-yellow crowns and either a black brim or a brim in a second brilliant shade. The majority are worn straight on the head, though the crowns allow them to be tilted back slightly if they are more becoming that way. Sailors and all kinds of berets appear in profusion; so do minute "half" hats held over the front of the head by wire grips fitted underneath. Trimming is practically non-existent; the hats rely on line, the surface of the fabric and the interesting weave of the straw for their decoration. Deep pink appears again and again among the tiny half-moon hats in straw, flower petals or feathers intended for afternoon or formal luncheon parties. Lilac is the fashionable millinery flower of the summer, or a single immense white and gold marguerite which, poised on top of the head, practically makes the entire cap.

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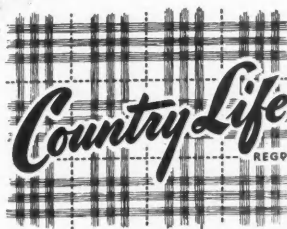
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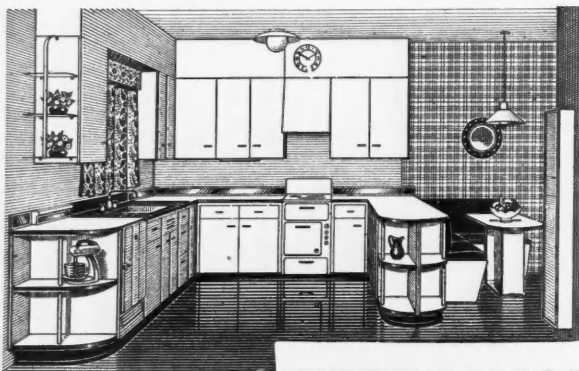
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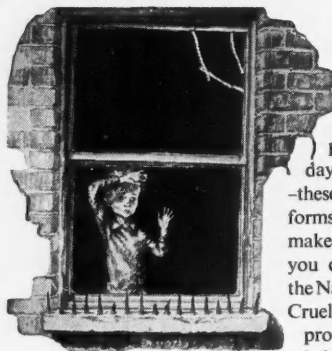


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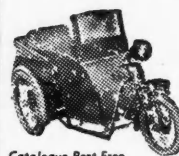
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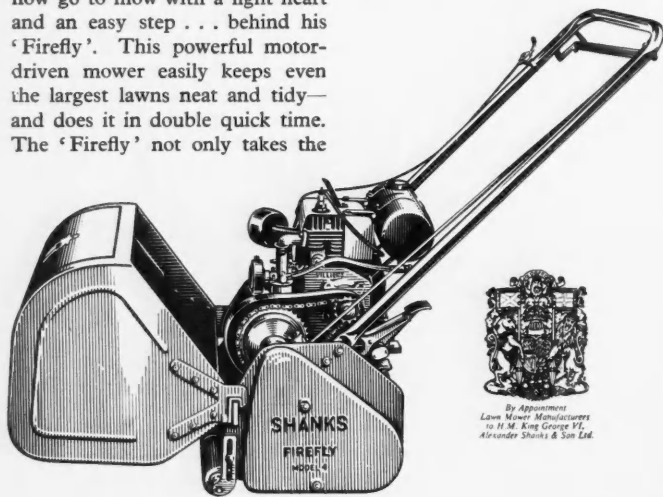
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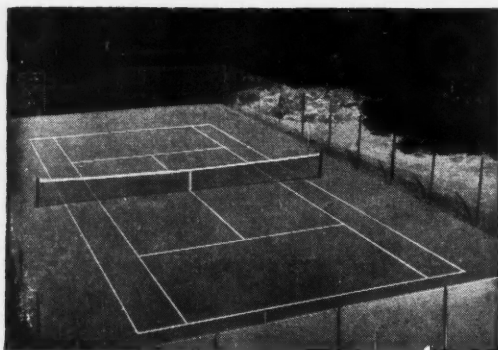
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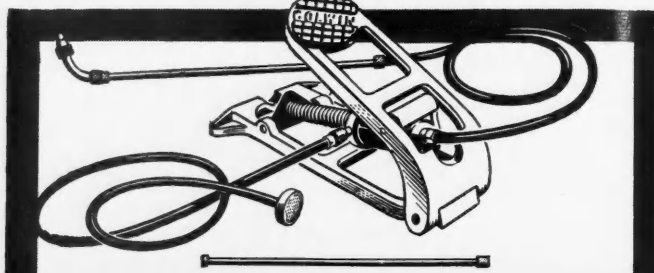


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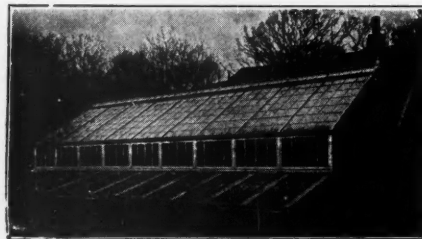
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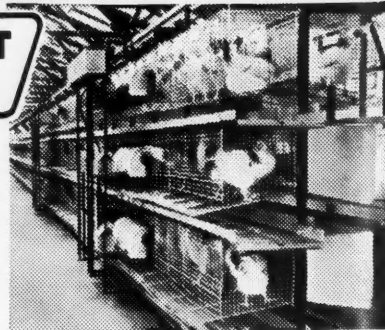
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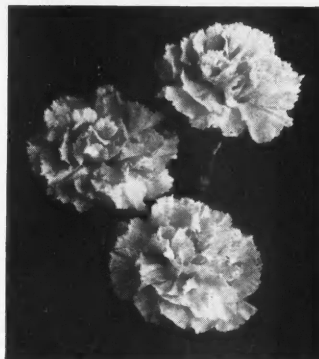
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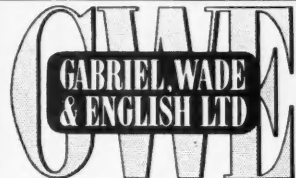
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